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SONIC SUPER DIGEST

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SONIC BOOM
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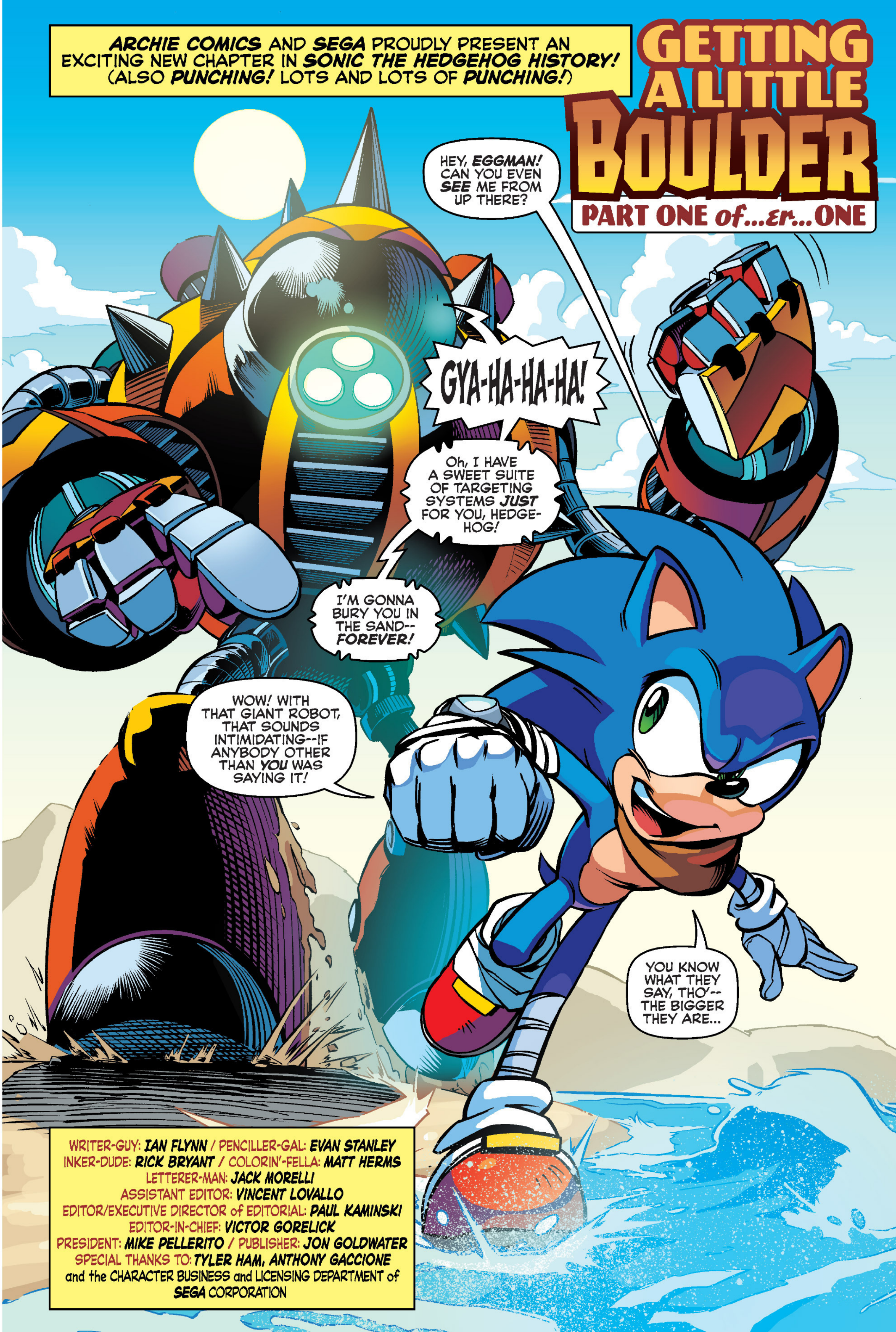
ARCHIE COMICS AND ***SEGA*** PROUDLY PRESENT AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER IN ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HISTORY!*** (ALSO ***PUNCHING!*** LOTS AND LOTS OF ***PUNCHING!***)

GETTING A LITTLE BOULDER

PART ONE *of*...*er*...ONE


HEY, ***EGGMAN!*** CAN YOU EVEN ***SEE*** ME FROM UP THERE?
GYA-HA-HA-HA!
Oh, I HAVE A SWEET SUITE OF TARGETING SYSTEMS ***JUST*** FOR YOU, HEDGEHOG!
I'M GONNA BURY YOU IN THE SAND-- ***FOREVER!***
WOW! WITH THAT GIANT ROBOT, THAT SOUNDS INTIMIDATING--IF ANYBODY OTHER THAN ***YOU*** WAS SAYING IT!
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, THO'-- THE BIGGER THEY ARE...

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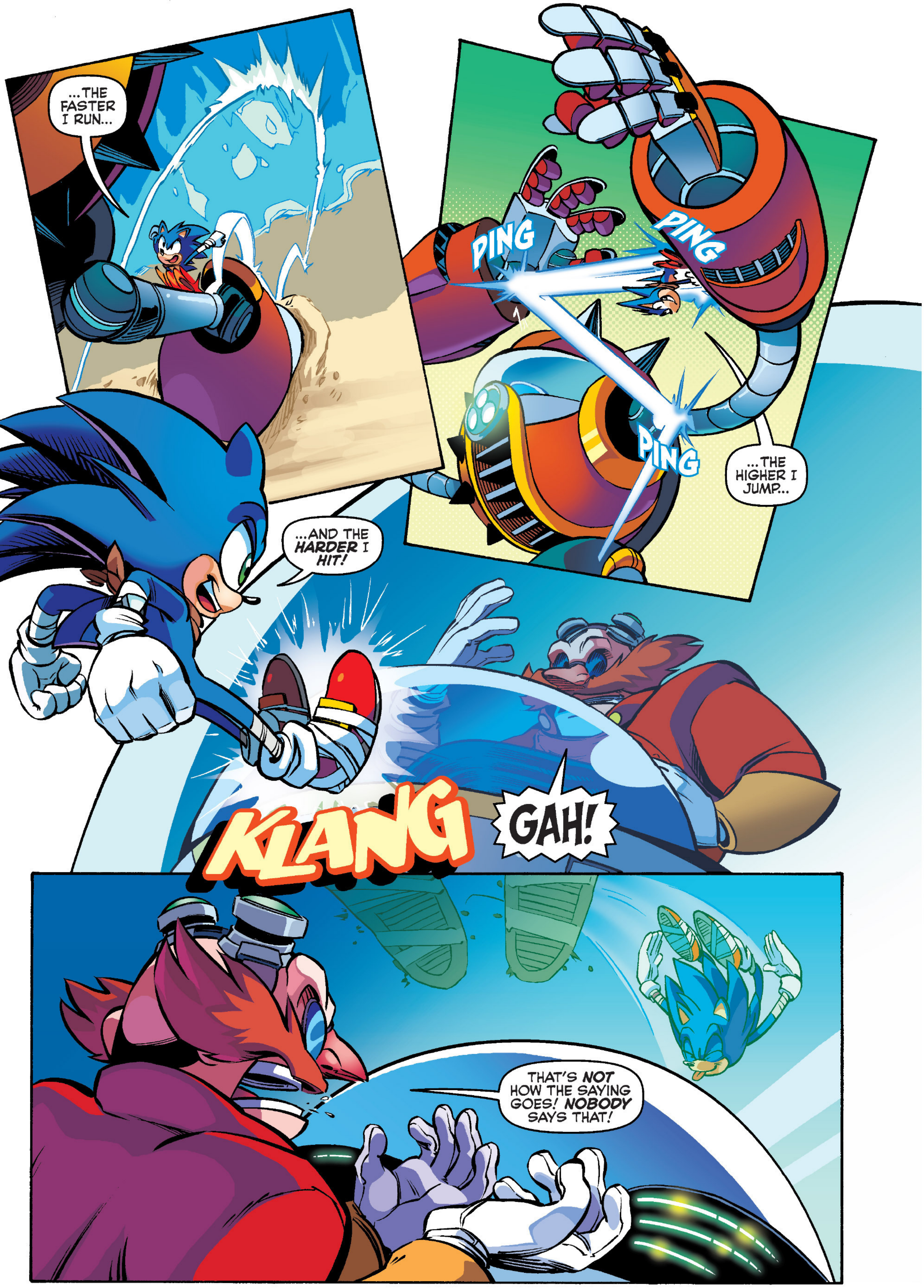
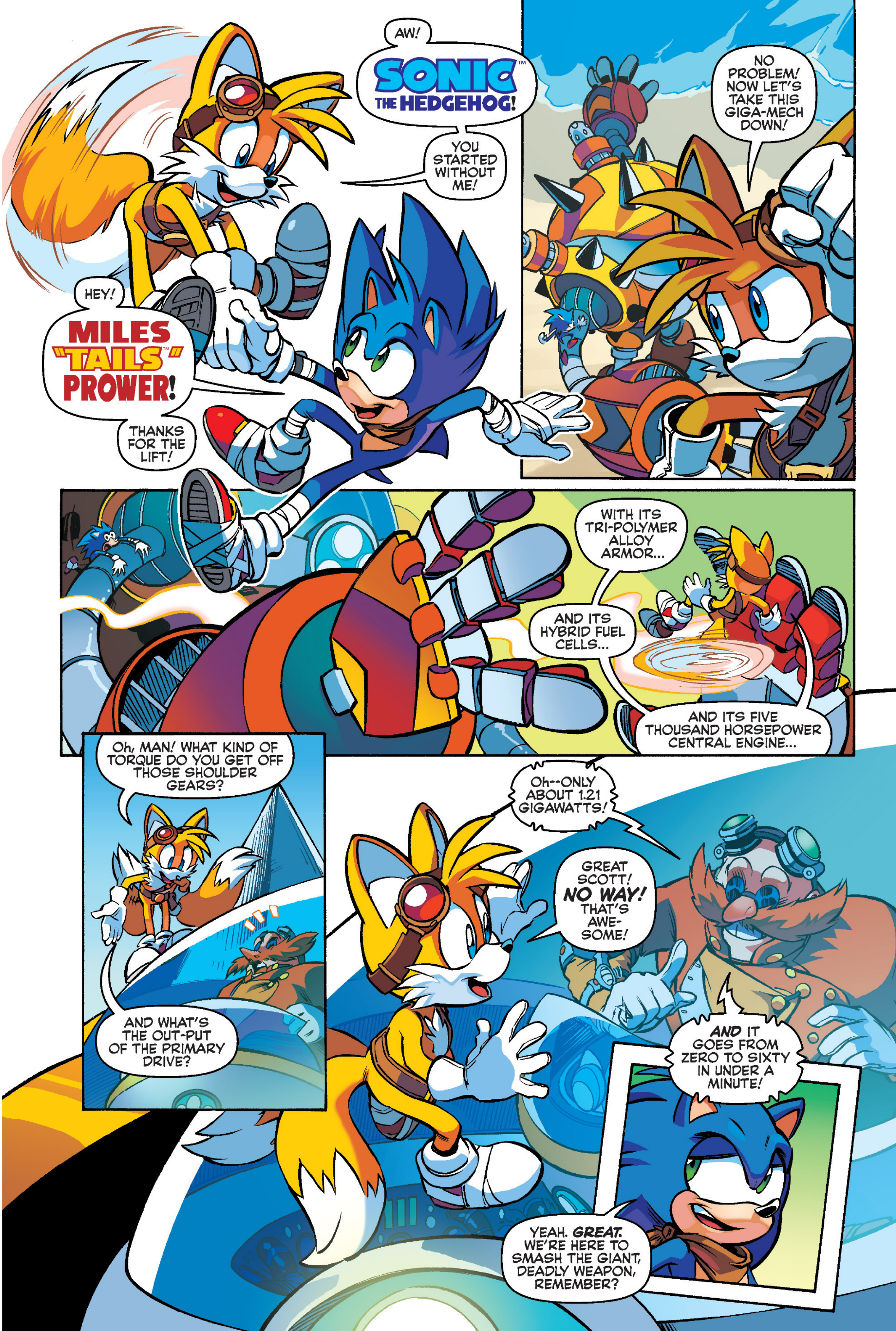
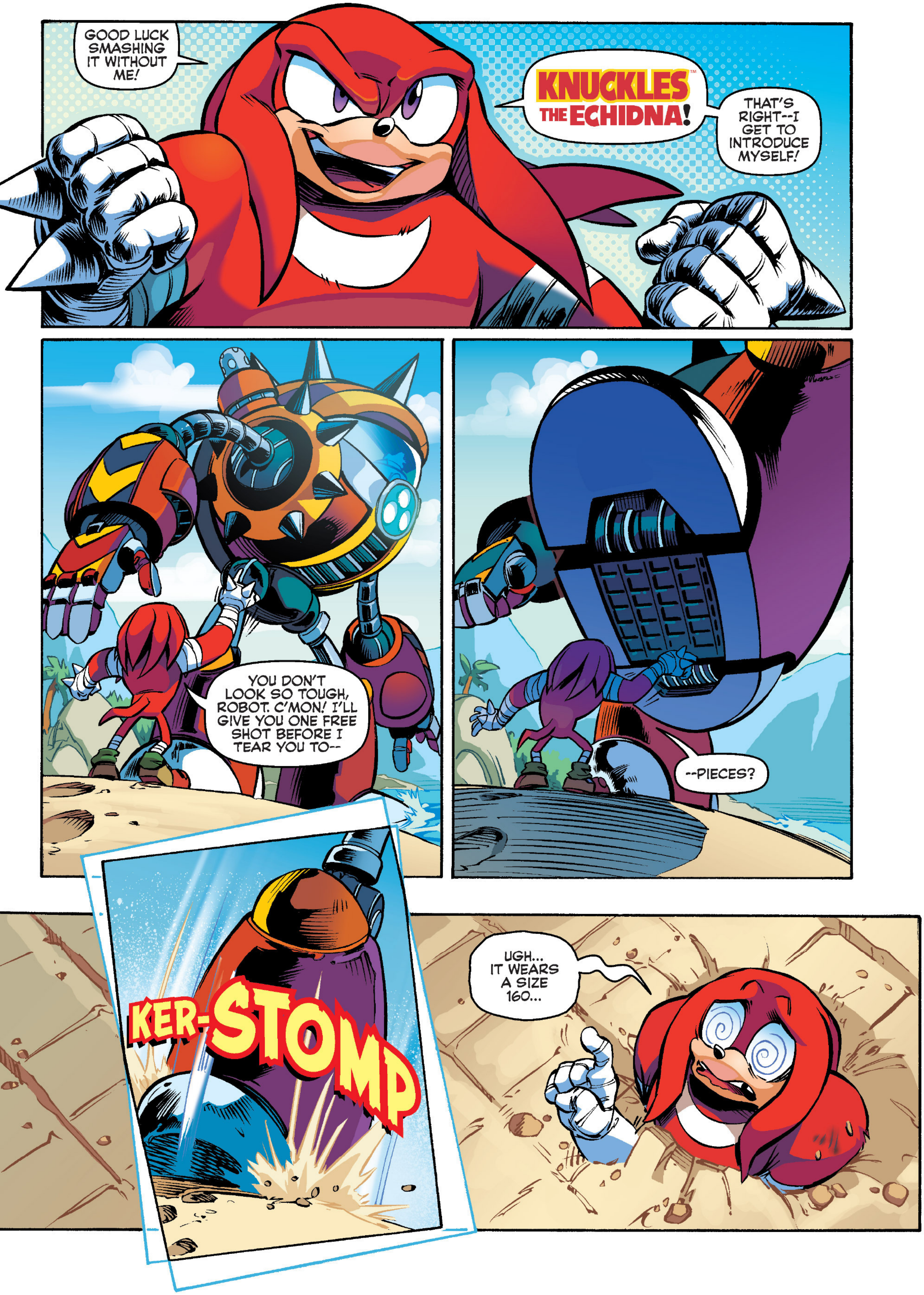
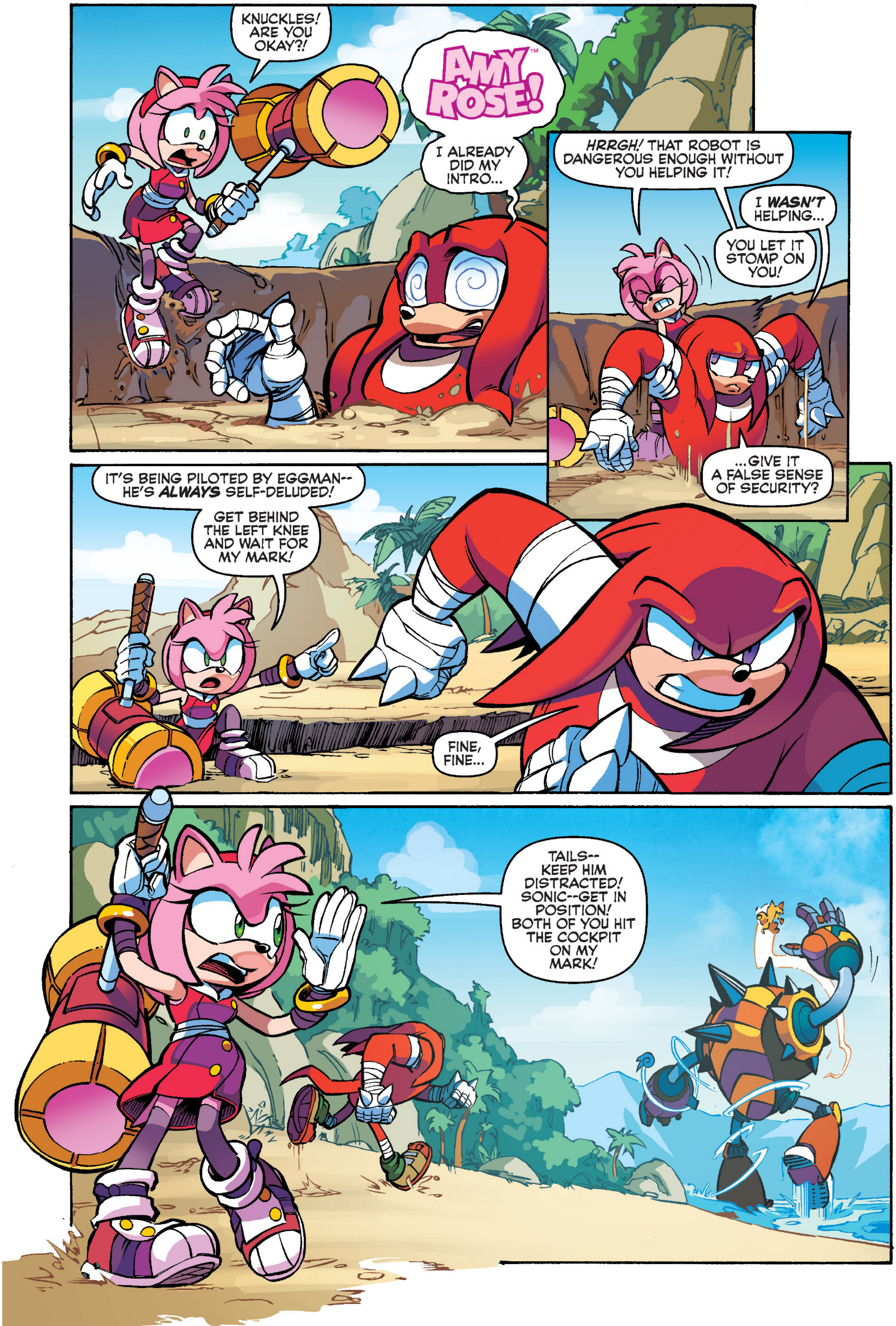
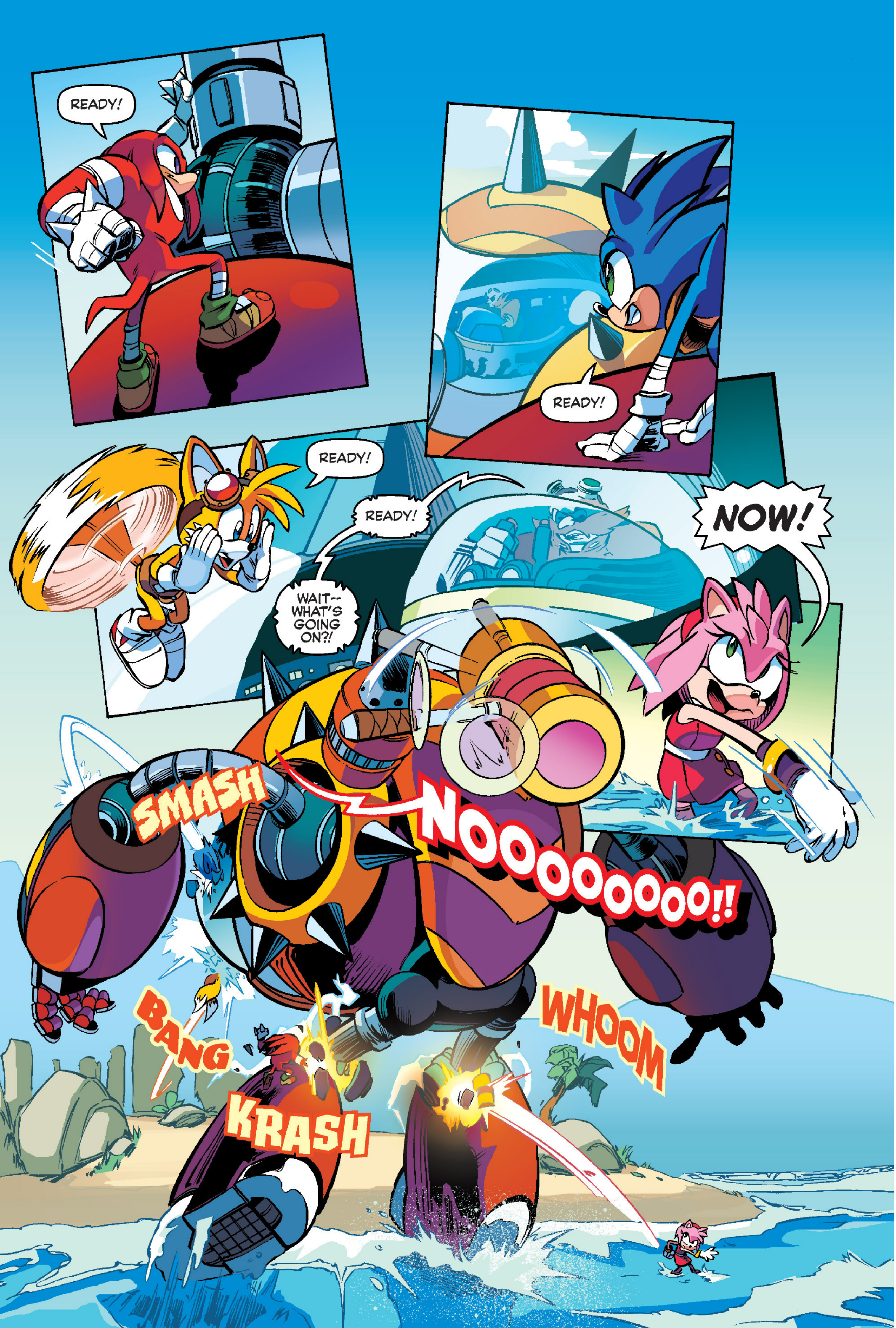
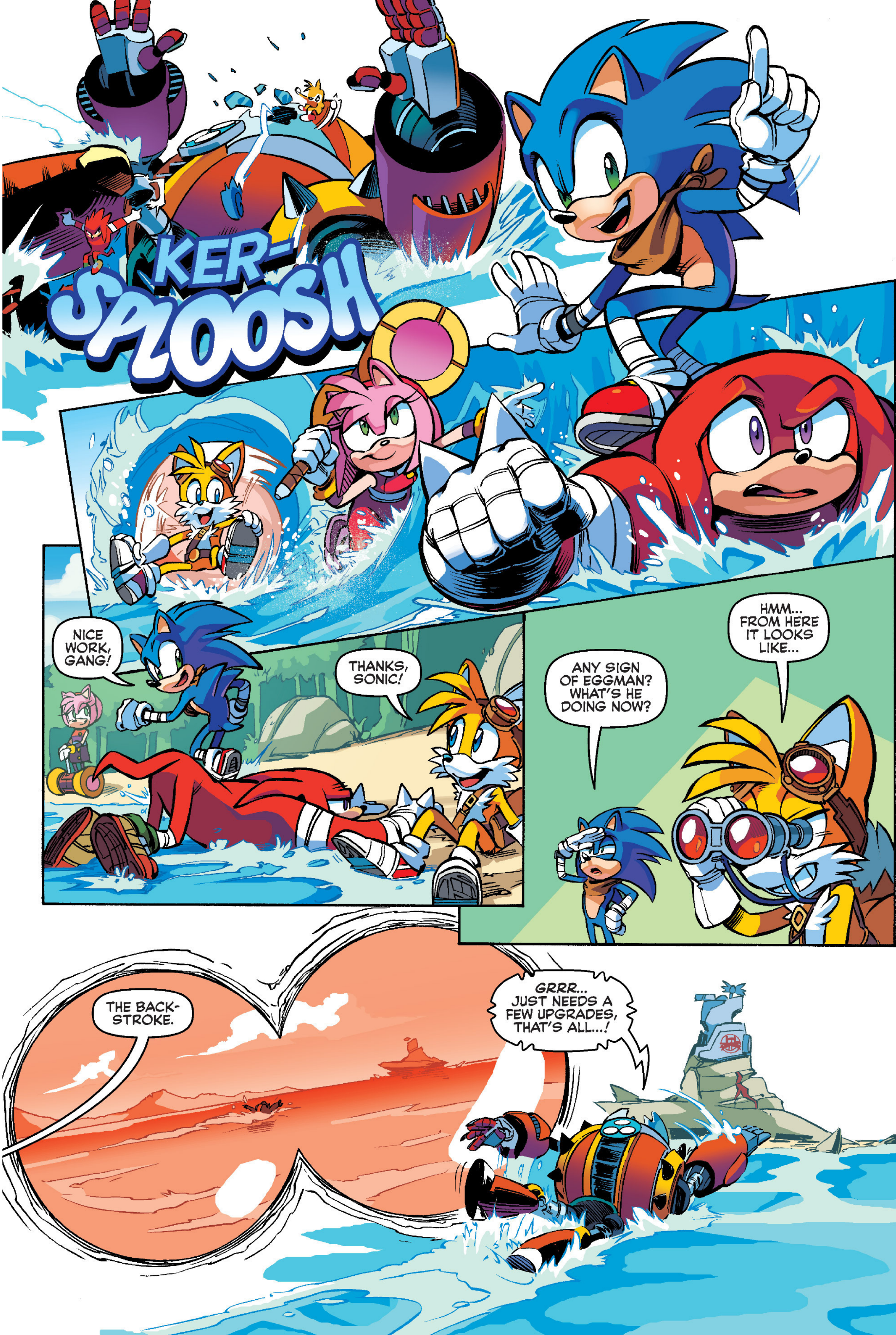

...THE FASTER I RUN...
PING
PING
PING
...THE HIGHER I JUMP...
...AND THE HARDER I HIT!
KLANG
GAH!
THAT'S NOT HOW THE SAYING GOES! NOBODY SAYS THAT!

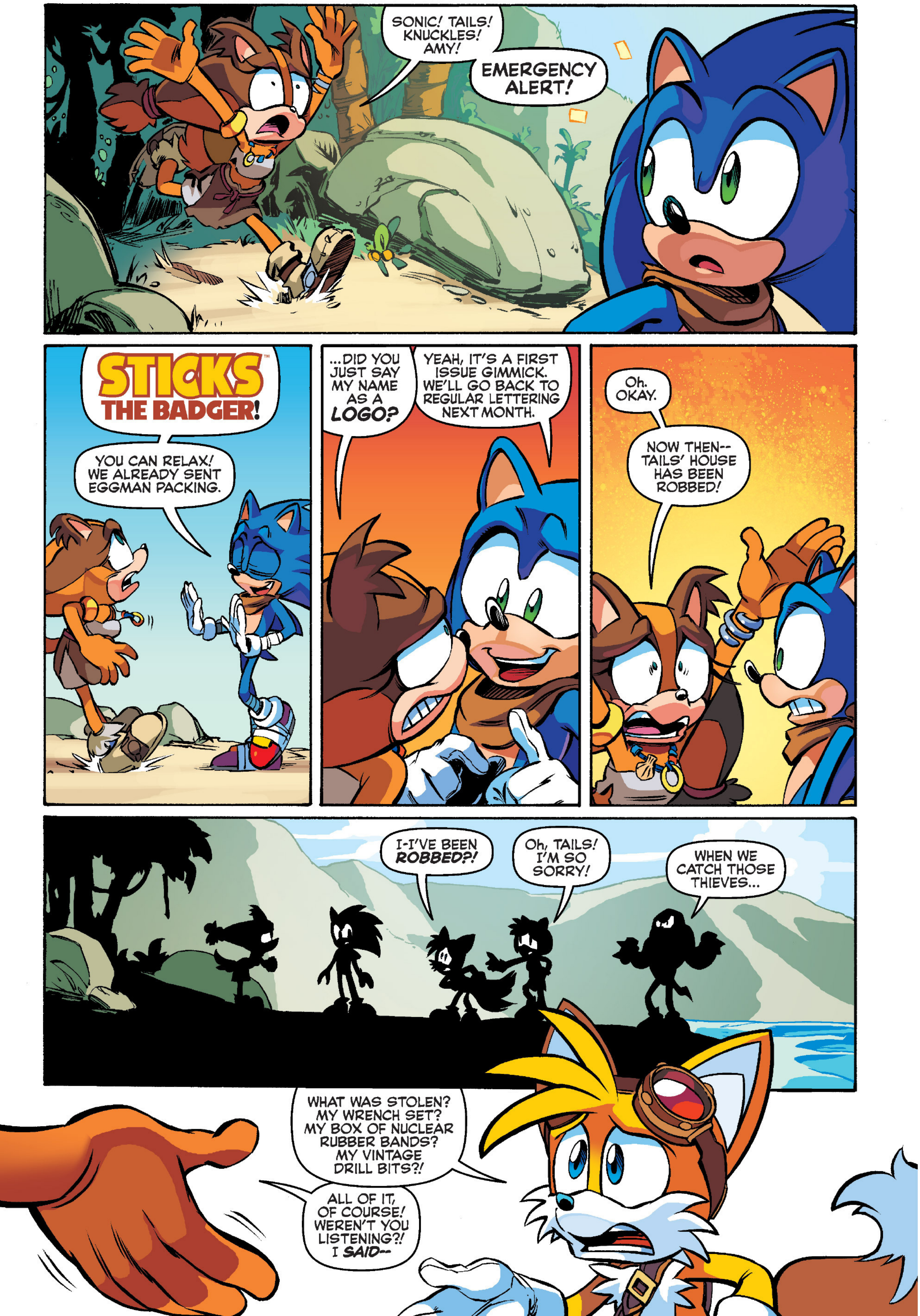

AW!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
YOU STARTED WITHOUT ME!
HEY!
MILES "TAILS" PROWER!
THANKS FOR THE LIFT!
NO PROBLEM! NOW LET'S TAKE THIS GIGA-MECH DOWN!
WITH ITS TRI-POLYMER ALLOY ARMOR...
AND ITS HYBRID FUEL CELLS...
AND ITS FIVE THOUSAND HORSEPOWER CENTRAL ENGINE...
Oh, MAN! WHAT KIND OF TORQUE DO YOU GET OFF THOSE SHOULDER GEARS?
AND WHAT'S THE OUT-PUT OF THE PRIMARY DRIVE?
Oh--ONLY ABOUT 1.21 GIGAWATTS!
GREAT SCOTT! NO WAY! THAT'S AWE-SOME!
AND IT GOES FROM ZERO TO SIXTY IN UNDER A MINUTE!
YEAH. GREAT. WE'RE HERE TO SMASH THE GIANT, DEADLY WEAPON, REMEMBER?

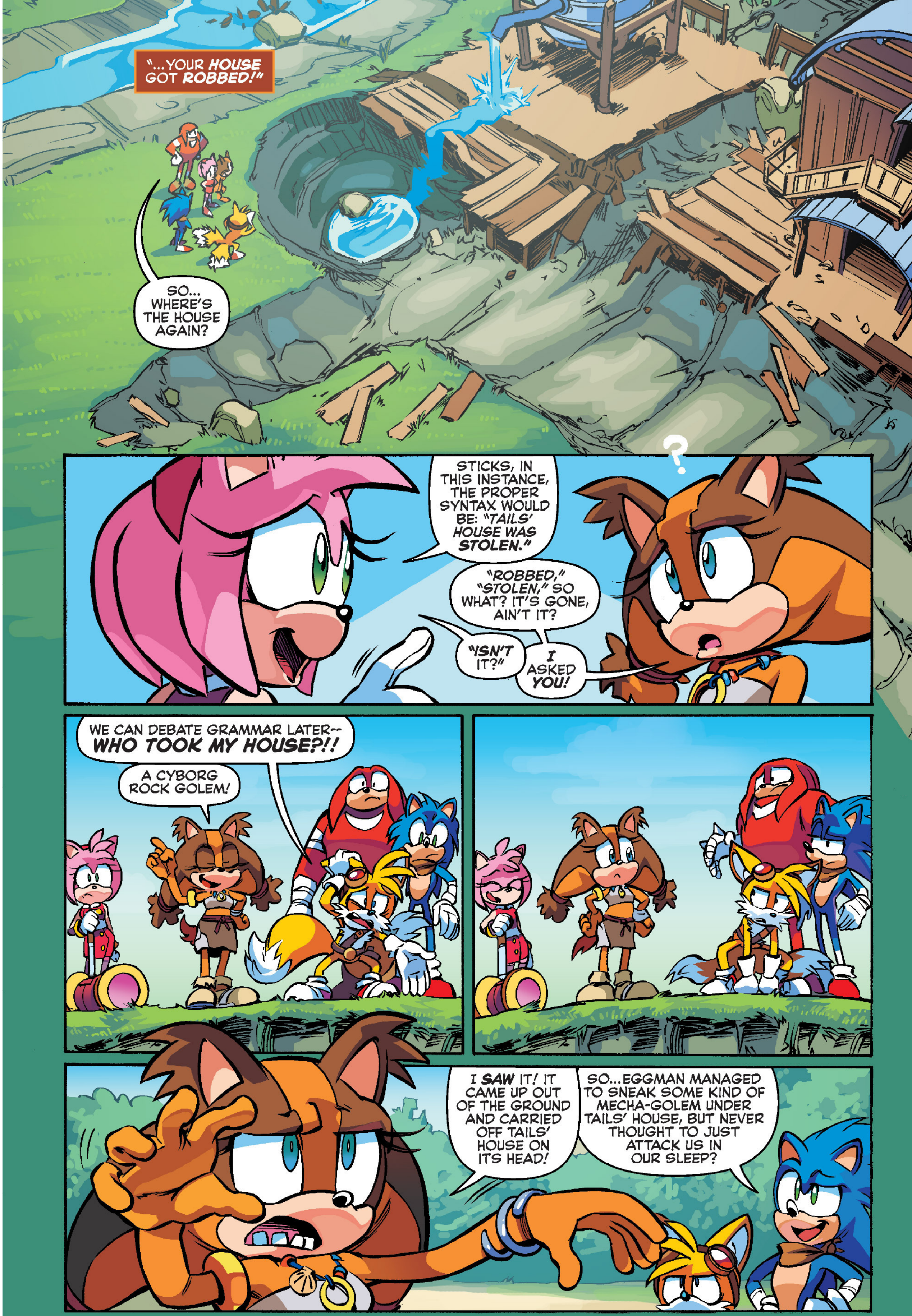

GOOD LUCK SMASHING IT WITHOUT ME!
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
THAT'S RIGHT--I GET TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
YOU DON'T LOOK SO TOUGH, ROBOT. C'MON! I'LL GIVE YOU ONE FREE SHOT BEFORE I TEAR YOU TO--
--PIECES?
KER-STOMP
UGH... IT WEARS A SIZE 160...

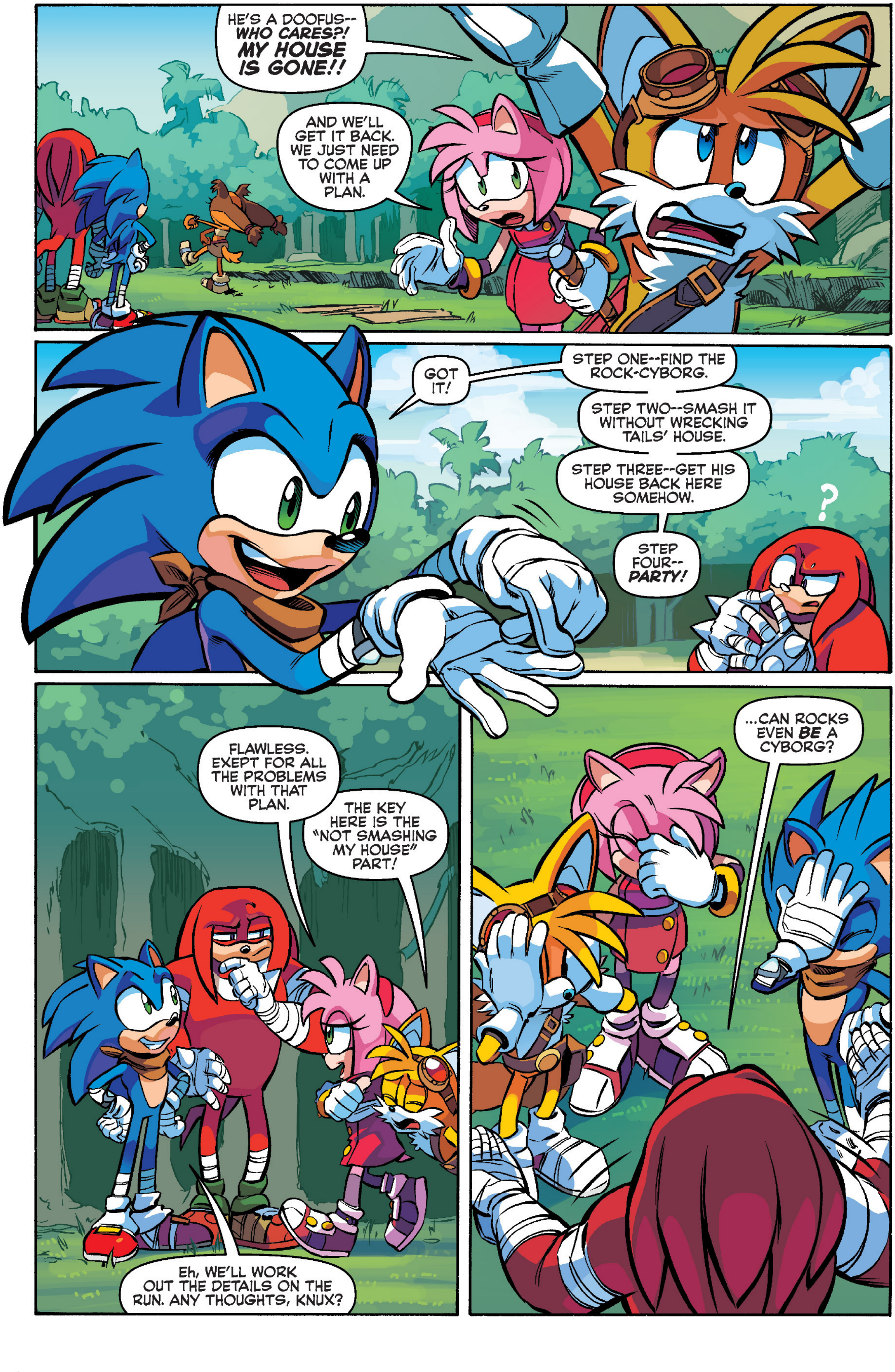

KNUCKLES! ARE YOU OKAY?!
AMY ROSE!™
I ALREADY DID MY INTRO...
HRRGH! THAT ROBOT IS DANGEROUS ENOUGH WITHOUT YOU HELPING IT!
I ***WASN'T*** HELPING...
YOU LET IT STOMP ON YOU!
...GIVE IT A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY?
IT'S BEING PILOTED BY EGGMAN--HE'S ***ALWAYS*** SELF-DELUDED!
GET BEHIND THE LEFT KNEE AND WAIT FOR MY MARK!
FINE, FINE...
TAILS--KEEP HIM DISTRACTED! SONIC--GET IN POSITION! BOTH OF YOU HIT THE COCKPIT ON MY MARK!

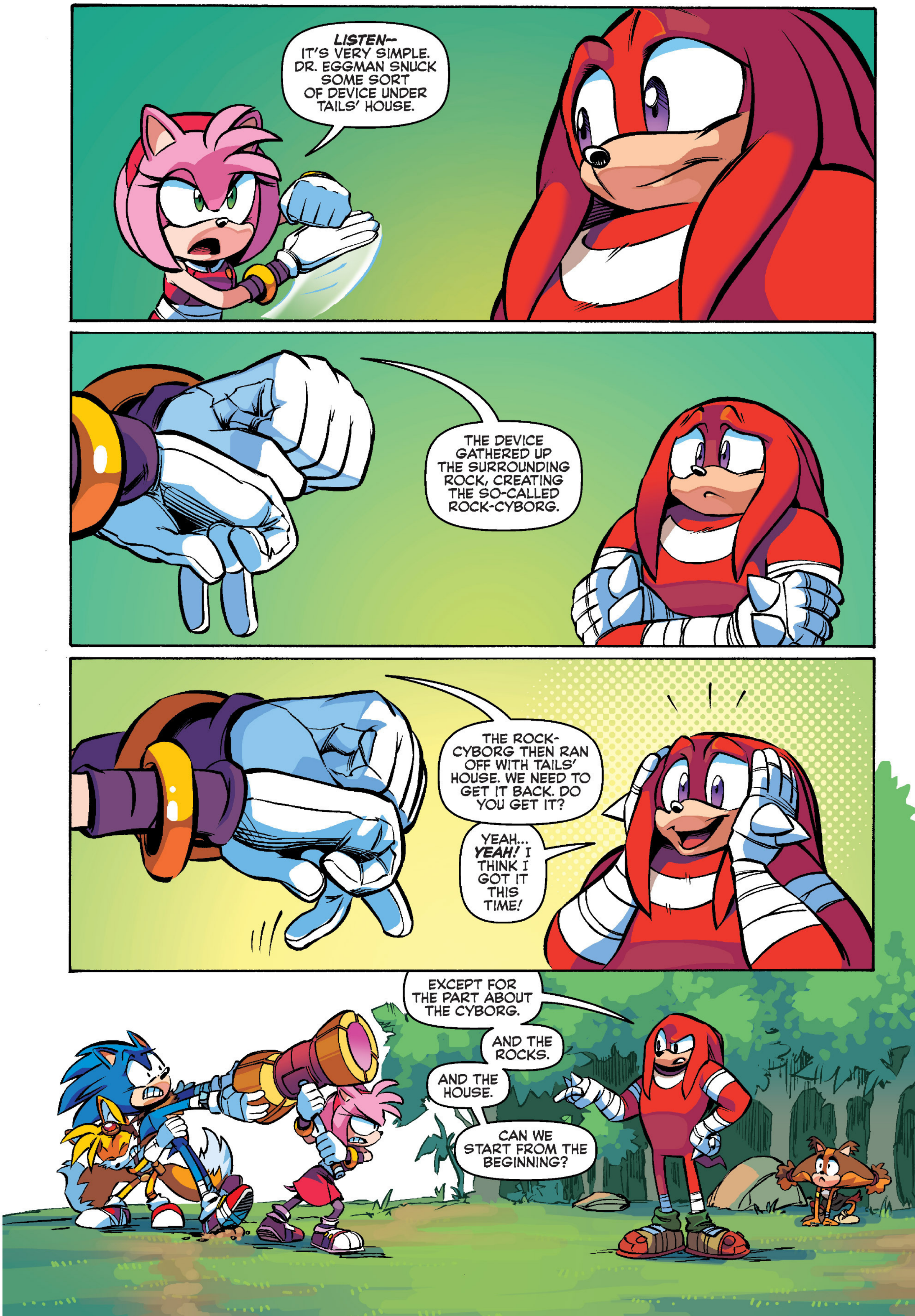

READY!
READY!
READY!
READY!
WAIT-- WHAT'S GOING ON?!
NOW!
SMASH
NOOOOOOOOO!!
BANG
KRASH
WHOOM

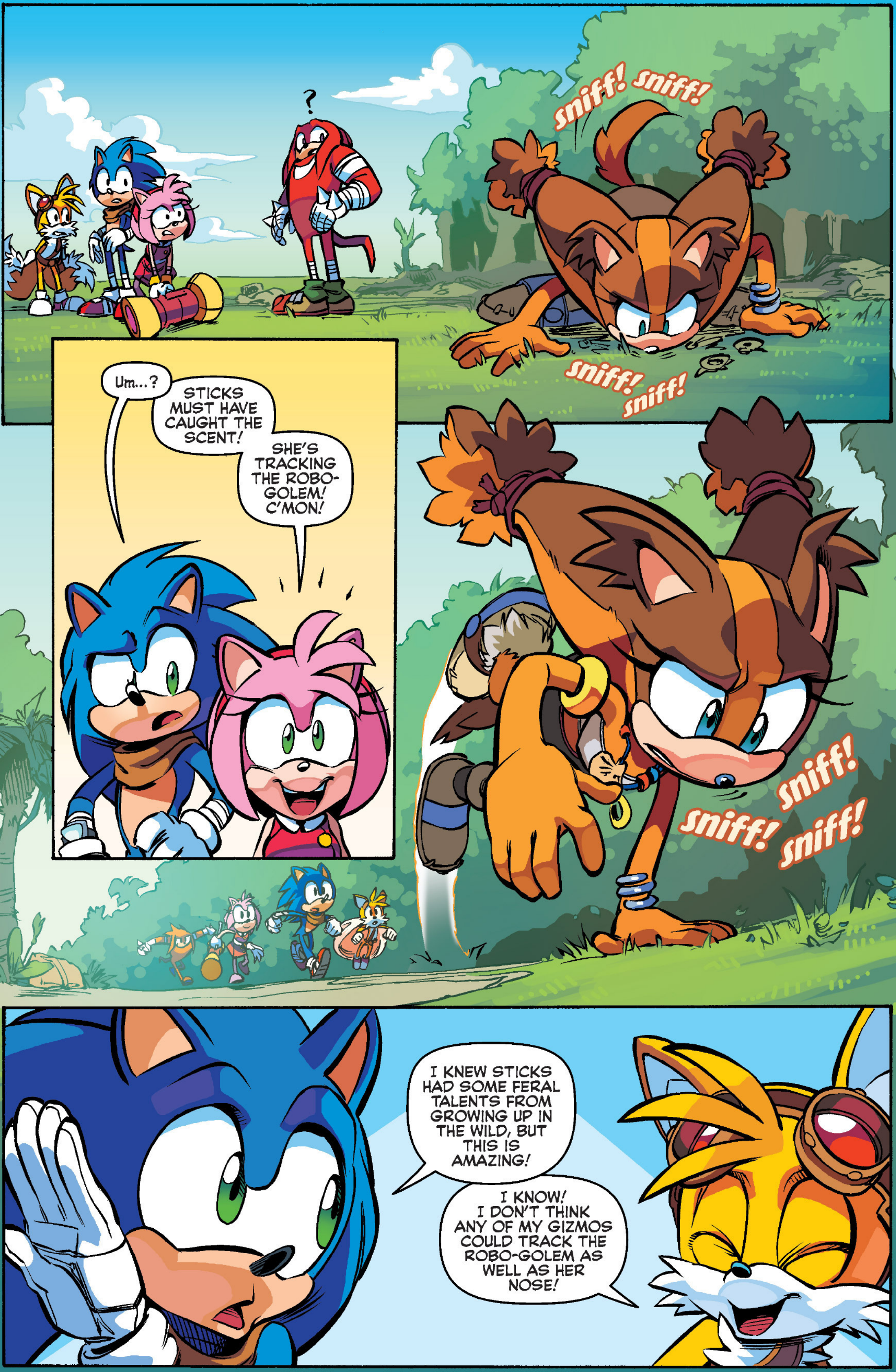

KER-SPLOOSH
NICE WORK, GANG!
THANKS, SONIC!
ANY SIGN OF EGGMAN? WHAT'S HE DOING NOW?
HMM... FROM HERE IT LOOKS LIKE...
THE BACK-STROKE.
GRRR... JUST NEEDS A FEW UPGRADES, THAT'S ALL...!

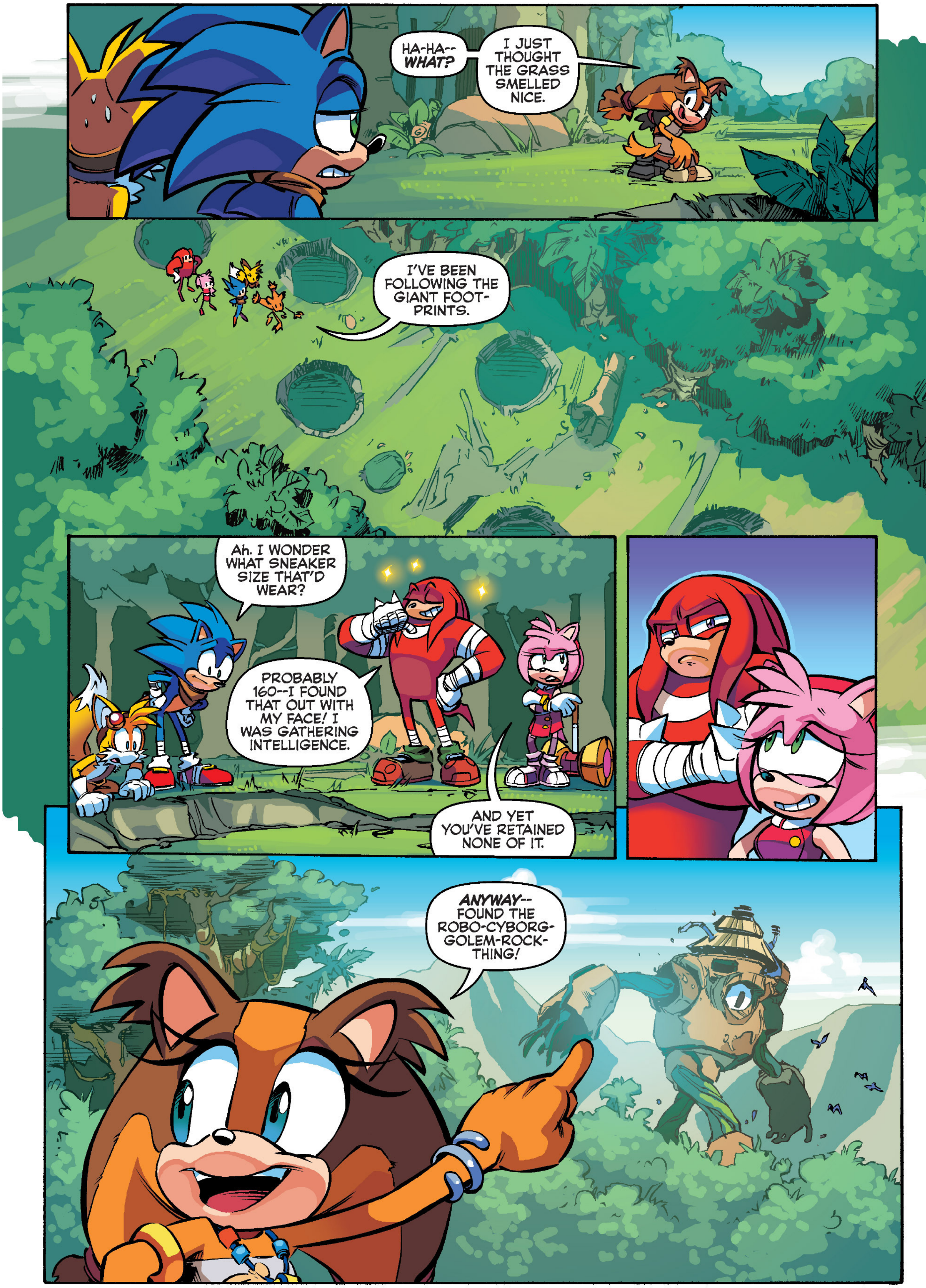

SONIC! TAILS! KNUCKLES! AMY!
EMERGENCY ALERT!
STICKS THE BADGER!
YOU CAN RELAX! WE ALREADY SENT EGGMAN PACKING.
...DID YOU JUST SAY MY NAME AS A *LOGO?*
YEAH, IT'S A FIRST ISSUE GIMMICK. WE'LL GO BACK TO REGULAR LETTERING NEXT MONTH.
Oh. OKAY.
NOW THEN-- TAILS' HOUSE HAS BEEN ROBBED!
I-I'VE BEEN *ROBBED?!*
Oh, TAILS! I'M SO SORRY!
WHEN WE CATCH THOSE THIEVES...
WHAT WAS STOLEN? MY WRENCH SET? MY BOX OF NUCLEAR RUBBER BANDS? MY VINTAGE DRILL BITS?!
ALL OF IT, OF COURSE! WEREN'T YOU LISTENING?! I *SAID*--

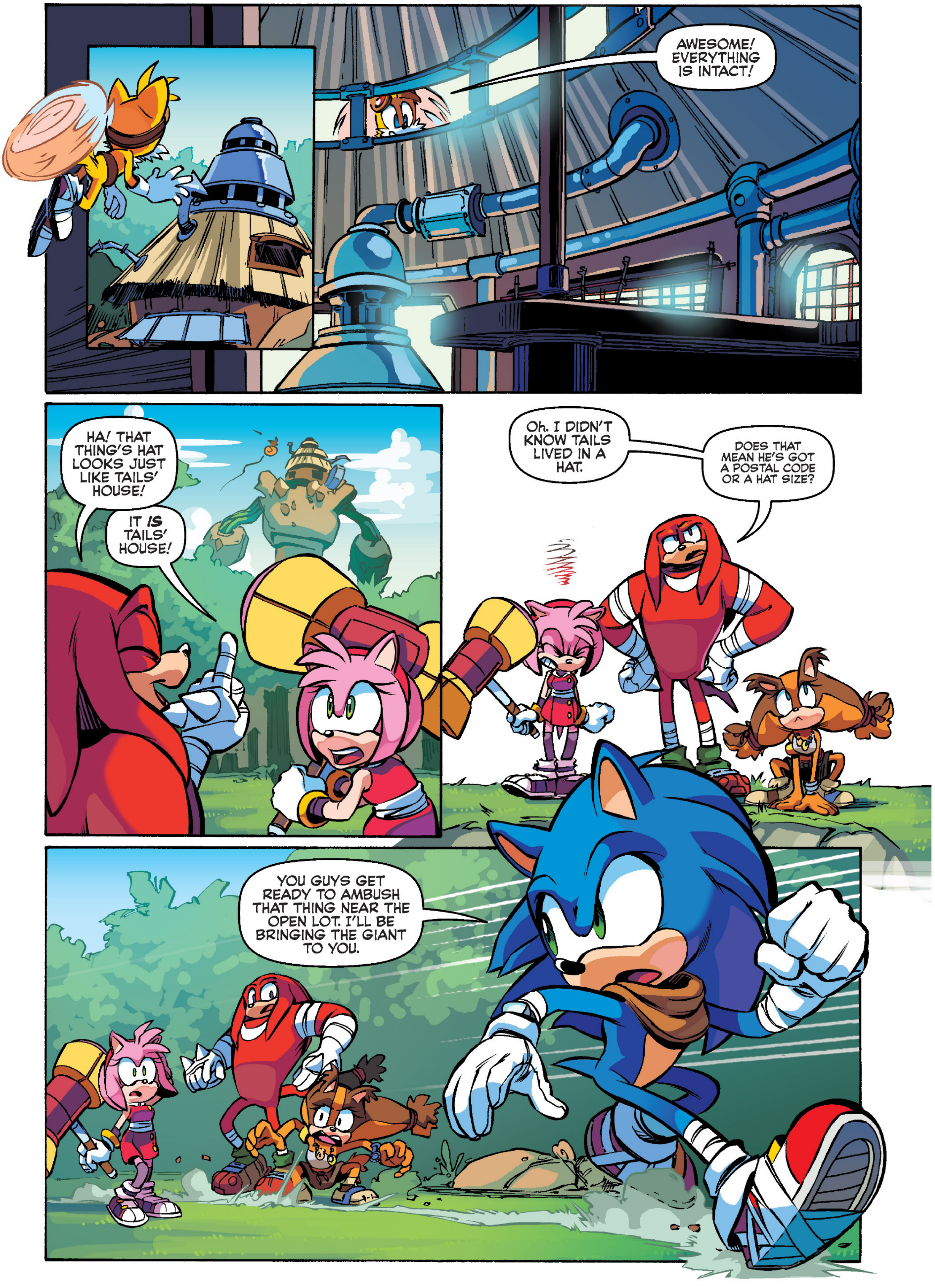

"...YOUR *HOUSE* GOT *ROBBED!*"
SO... WHERE'S THE HOUSE AGAIN?
?
STICKS, IN THIS INSTANCE, THE PROPER SYNTAX WOULD BE: "*TAILS' HOUSE WAS* ***STOLEN.***"
"*ROBBED,*" "*STOLEN,*" SO WHAT? IT'S GONE, AIN'T IT?
"*ISN'T* IT?"
I ASKED *YOU!*
A CYBORG ROCK GOLEM!
WE CAN DEBATE GRAMMAR LATER-- ***WHO TOOK MY HOUSE?!!***
I *SAW* IT! IT CAME UP OUT OF THE GROUND AND CARRIED OFF TAILS' HOUSE ON ITS HEAD!
SO...EGGMAN MANAGED TO SNEAK SOME KIND OF MECHA-GOLEM UNDER TAILS' HOUSE, BUT NEVER THOUGHT TO JUST ATTACK US IN OUR SLEEP?

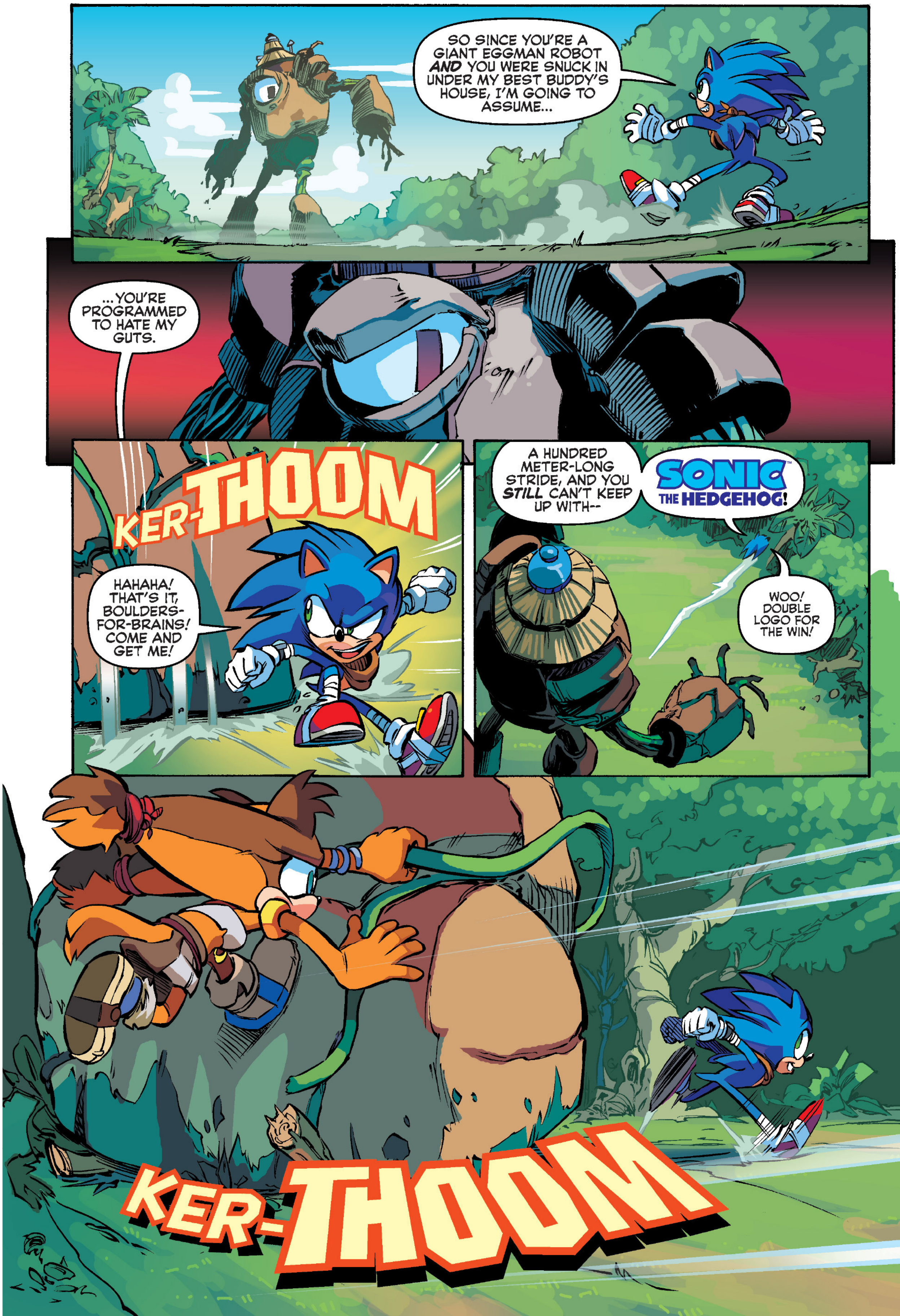

HE'S A DOOFUS-- *WHO CARES?!* ***MY HOUSE IS GONE!!***
AND WE'LL GET IT BACK. WE JUST NEED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN.
GOT IT!
STEP ONE--FIND THE ROCK-CYBORG.
STEP TWO--SMASH IT WITHOUT WRECKING TAILS' HOUSE.
STEP THREE--GET HIS HOUSE BACK HERE SOMEHOW.
STEP FOUR-- ***PARTY!***
?
FLAWLESS. EXEPT FOR ALL THE PROBLEMS WITH THAT PLAN.
THE KEY HERE IS THE "NOT SMASHING MY HOUSE" PART!
Eh, WE'LL WORK OUT THE DETAILS ON THE RUN. ANY THOUGHTS, KNUX?
...CAN ROCKS EVEN ***BE*** A CYBORG?

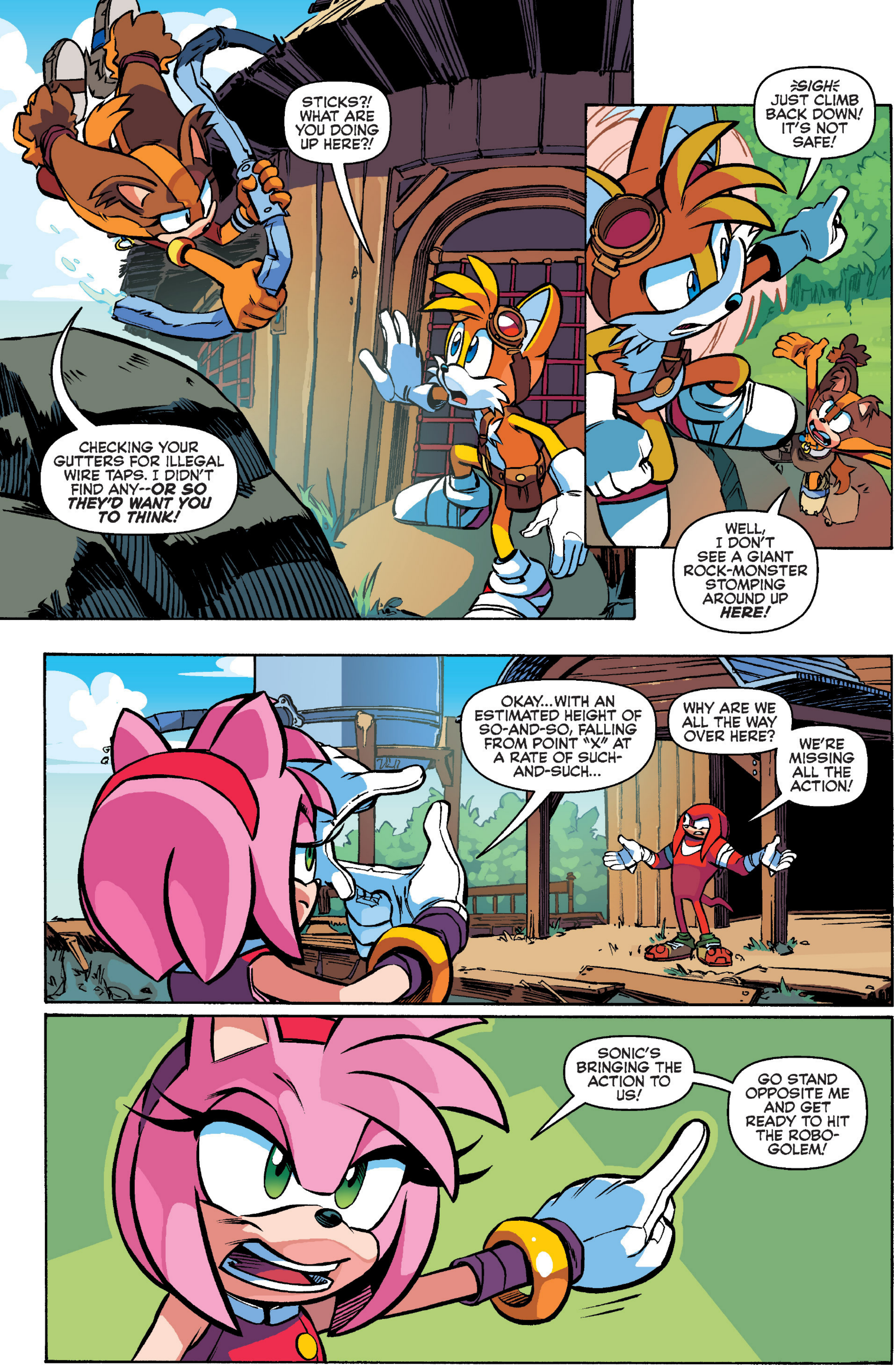

LISTEN-- IT'S VERY SIMPLE. DR. EGGMAN SNUCK SOME SORT OF DEVICE UNDER TAILS' HOUSE.
THE DEVICE GATHERED UP THE SURROUNDING ROCK, CREATING THE SO-CALLED ROCK-CYBORG.
THE ROCK-CYBORG THEN RAN OFF WITH TAILS' HOUSE. WE NEED TO GET IT BACK. DO YOU GET IT?
YEAH... ***YEAH!*** I THINK I GOT IT THIS TIME!
EXCEPT FOR THE PART ABOUT THE CYBORG.
AND THE ROCKS.
AND THE HOUSE.
CAN WE START FROM THE BEGINNING?

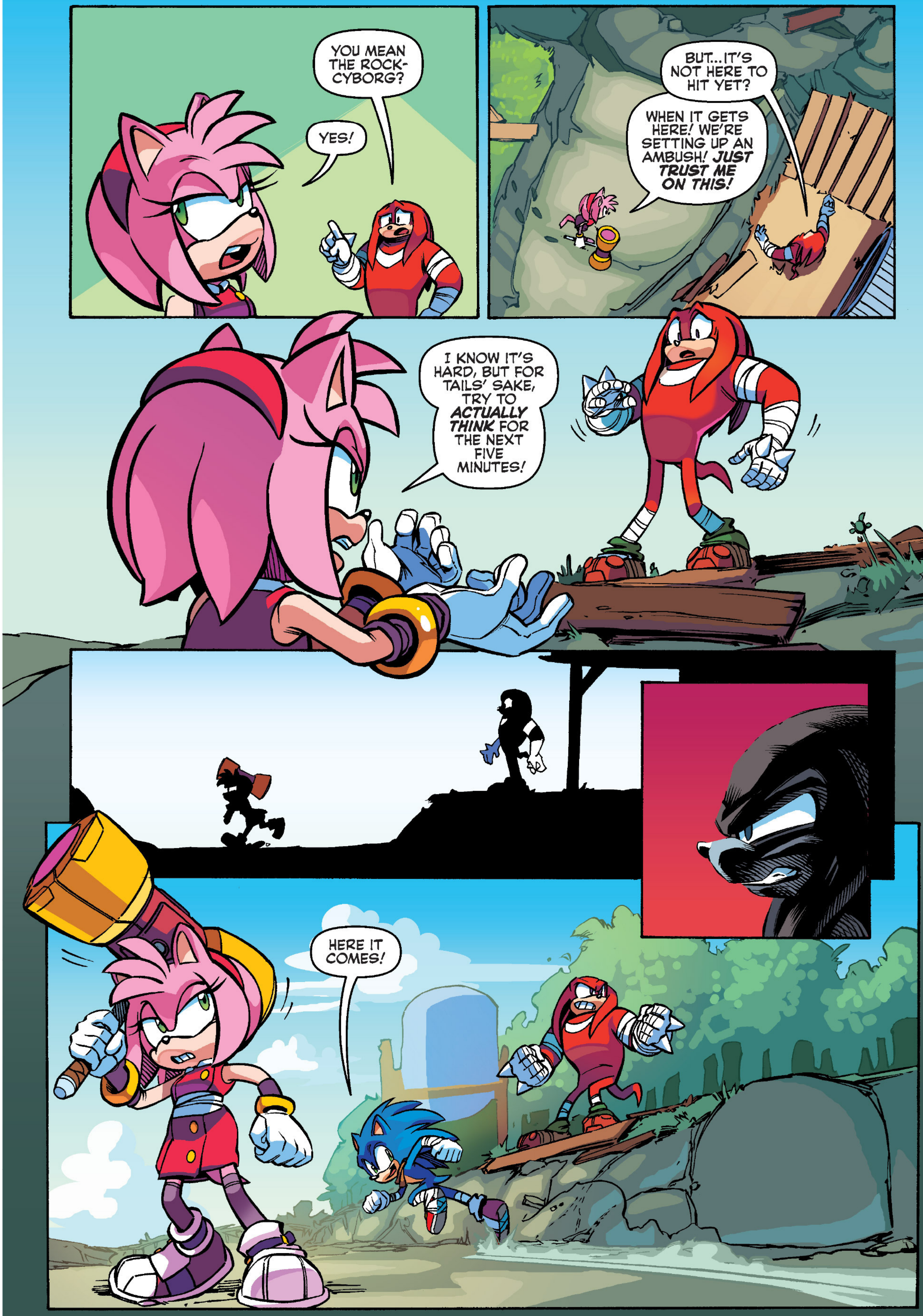

?
sniff! sniff!
sniff! sniff!
Um...?
STICKS MUST HAVE CAUGHT THE SCENT!
SHE'S TRACKING THE ROBO-GOLEM! C'MON!
sniff! sniff! sniff!
I KNEW STICKS HAD SOME FERAL TALENTS FROM GROWING UP IN THE WILD, BUT THIS IS AMAZING!
I KNOW! I DON'T THINK ANY OF MY GIZMOS COULD TRACK THE ROBO-GOLEM AS WELL AS HER NOSE!

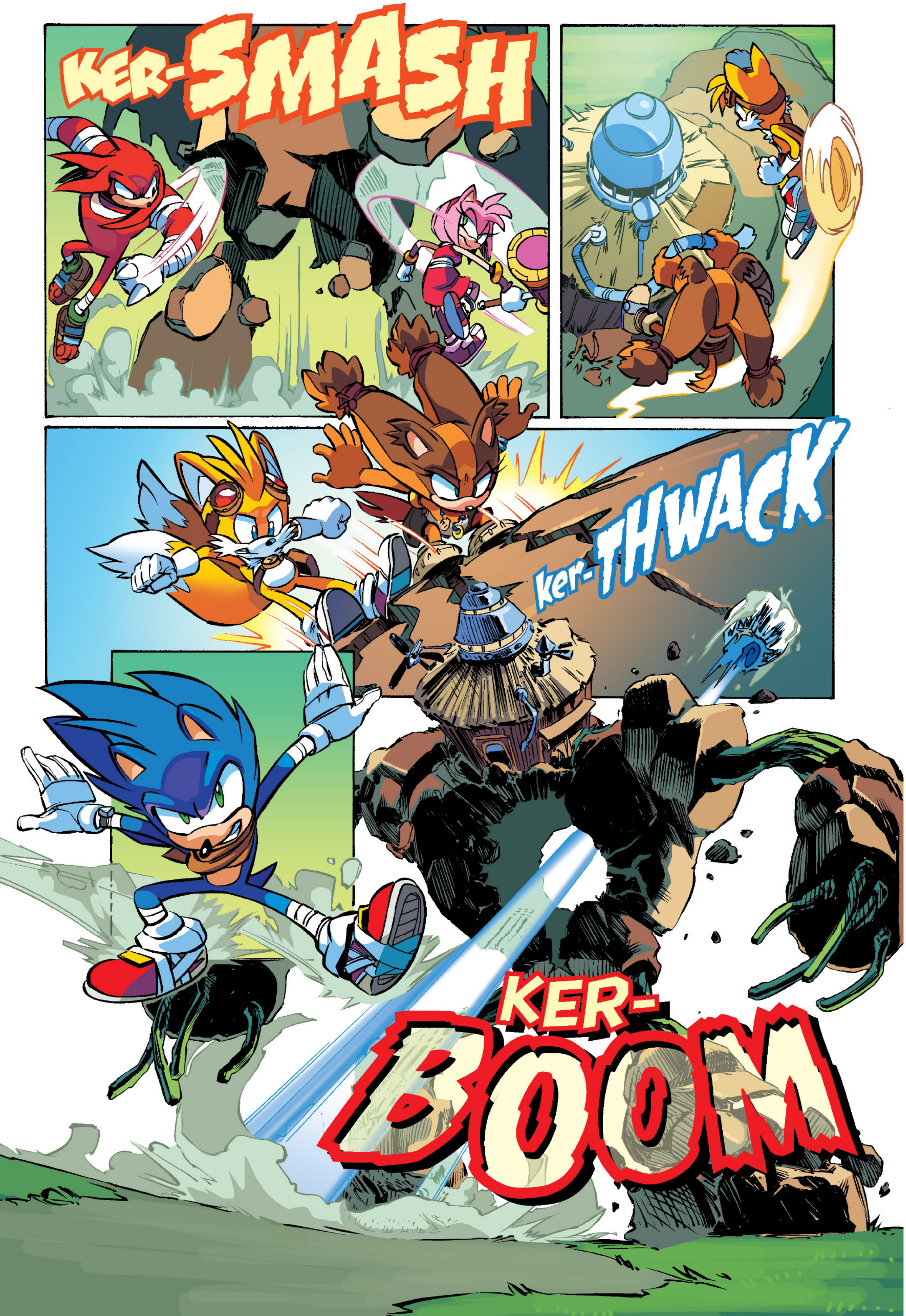

HA-HA-- *WHAT?*
I JUST THOUGHT THE GRASS SMELLED NICE.
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE GIANT FOOTPRINTS.
Ah. I WONDER WHAT SNEAKER SIZE THAT'D WEAR?
PROBABLY 160--I FOUND THAT OUT WITH MY FACE! I WAS GATHERING INTELLIGENCE.
AND YET YOU'VE RETAINED NONE OF IT.
ANYWAY-- FOUND THE ROBO-CYBORG-GOLEM-ROCK-THING!

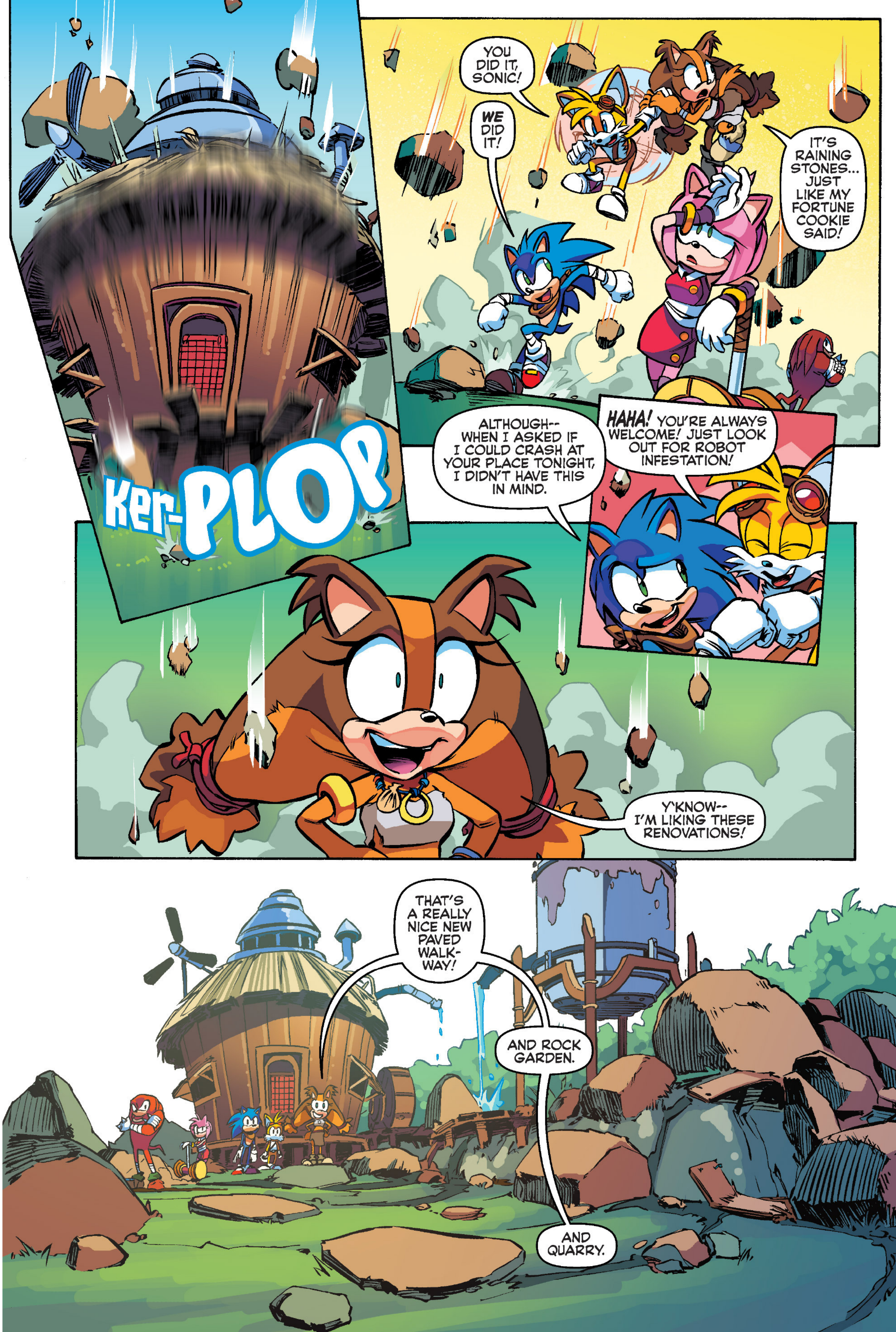

AWESOME! EVERYTHING IS INTACT!
HA! THAT THING'S HAT LOOKS JUST LIKE TAILS' HOUSE!
IT *IS* TAILS' HOUSE!
Oh. I DIDN'T KNOW TAILS LIVED IN A HAT.
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S GOT A POSTAL CODE OR A HAT SIZE?
YOU GUYS GET READY TO AMBUSH THAT THING NEAR THE OPEN LOT. I'LL BE BRINGING THE GIANT TO YOU.

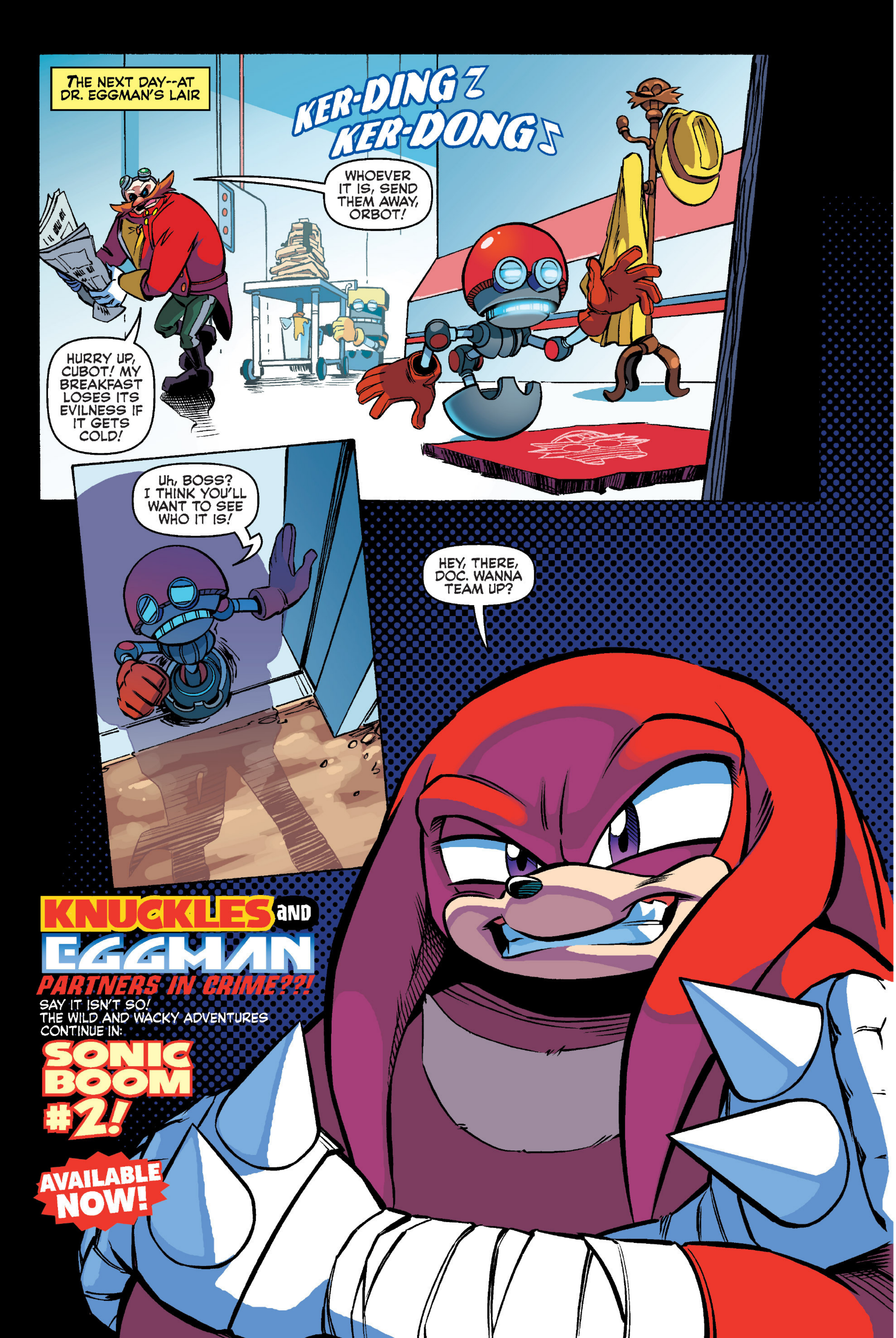

SO SINCE YOU'RE A GIANT EGGMAN ROBOT ***AND*** YOU WERE SNUCK IN UNDER MY BEST BUDDY'S HOUSE, I'M GOING TO ASSUME...
...YOU'RE PROGRAMMED TO HATE MY GUTS.
KER-THOOM
HAHAHA! THAT'S IT, BOULDERS-FOR-BRAINS! COME AND GET ME!
A HUNDRED METER-LONG STRIDE, AND YOU ***STILL*** CAN'T KEEP UP WITH--
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
WOO! DOUBLE LOGO FOR THE WIN!
KER-THOOM


STICKS?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE?!
CHECKING YOUR GUTTERS FOR ILLEGAL WIRE TAPS. I DIDN'T FIND ANY--*OR SO THEY'D WANT YOU TO THINK!*
≈SIGH≈ JUST CLIMB BACK DOWN! IT'S NOT SAFE!
WELL, I DON'T SEE A GIANT ROCK-MONSTER STOMPING AROUND UP *HERE!*
OKAY...WITH AN ESTIMATED HEIGHT OF SO-AND-SO, FALLING FROM POINT "X" AT A RATE OF SUCH-AND-SUCH...
WHY ARE WE ALL THE WAY OVER HERE?
WE'RE MISSING ALL THE ACTION!
SONIC'S BRINGING THE ACTION TO US!
GO STAND OPPOSITE ME AND GET READY TO HIT THE ROBO-GOLEM!


YOU MEAN THE ROCK-CYBORG?
YES!
BUT...IT'S NOT HERE TO HIT YET?
WHEN IT GETS HERE! WE'RE SETTING UP AN AMBUSH! ***JUST TRUST ME ON THIS!***
I KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT FOR TAILS' SAKE, TRY TO ***ACTUALLY THINK*** FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!
HERE IT COMES!


KER-SMASH
ker-THWACK
KER-BOOM


Ker-PLOP
YOU DID IT, SONIC!
WE DID IT!
IT'S RAINING STONES... JUST LIKE MY FORTUNE COOKIE SAID!
ALTHOUGH-- WHEN I ASKED IF I COULD CRASH AT YOUR PLACE TONIGHT, I DIDN'T HAVE THIS IN MIND.
HAHA! YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME! JUST LOOK OUT FOR ROBOT INFESTATION!
Y'KNOW-- I'M LIKING THESE RENOVATIONS!
THAT'S A REALLY NICE NEW PAVED WALKWAY!
AND ROCK GARDEN.
AND QUARRY.


THE NEXT DAY--AT DR. EGGMAN'S LAIR
KER-DING KER-DONG
WHOEVER IT IS, SEND THEM AWAY, ORBOT!
HURRY UP, CUBOT! MY BREAKFAST LOSES ITS EVILNESS IF IT GETS COLD!
UH, BOSS? I THINK YOU'LL WANT TO SEE WHO IT IS!
HEY, THERE, DOC. WANNA TEAM UP?
KNUCKLES and EGGMAN
PARTNERS IN CRIME??!
SAY IT ISN'T SO! THE WILD AND WACKY ADVENTURES CONTINUE IN:
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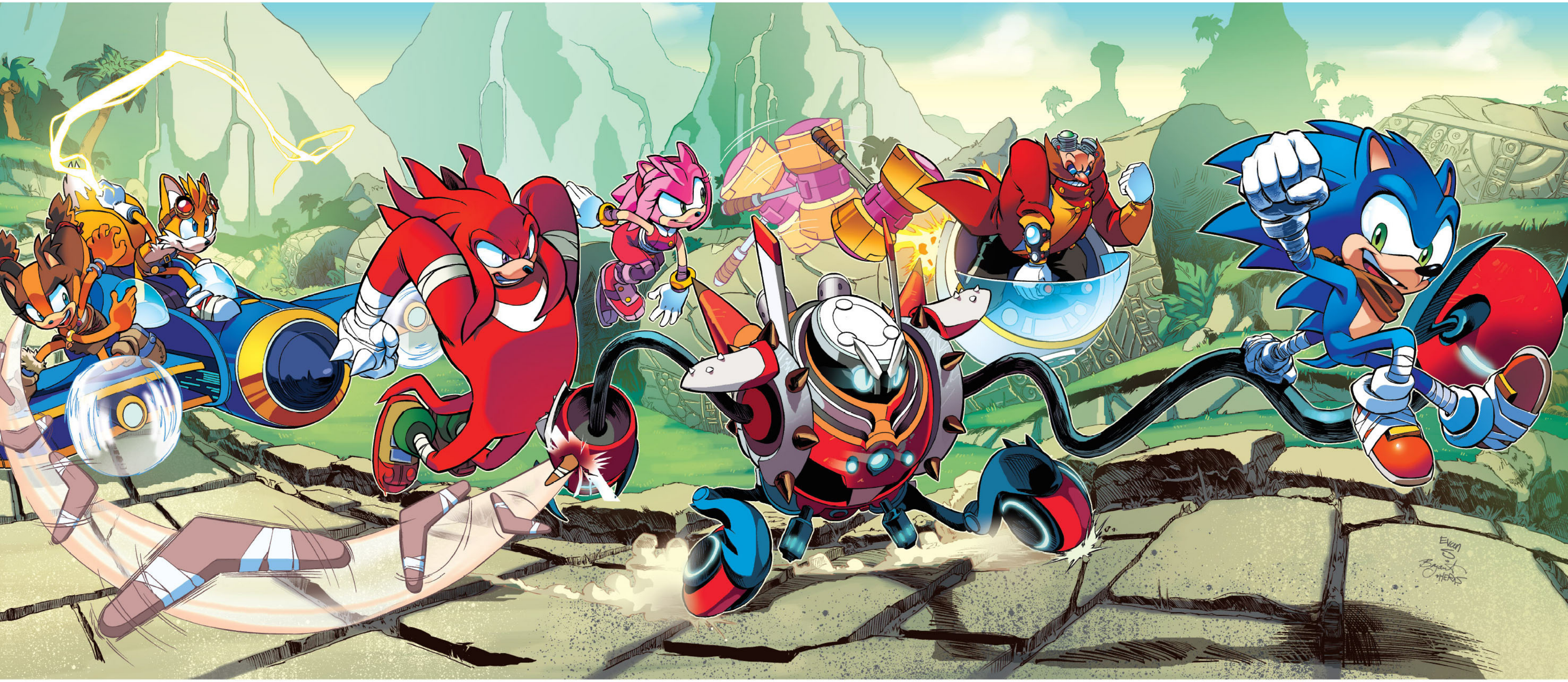
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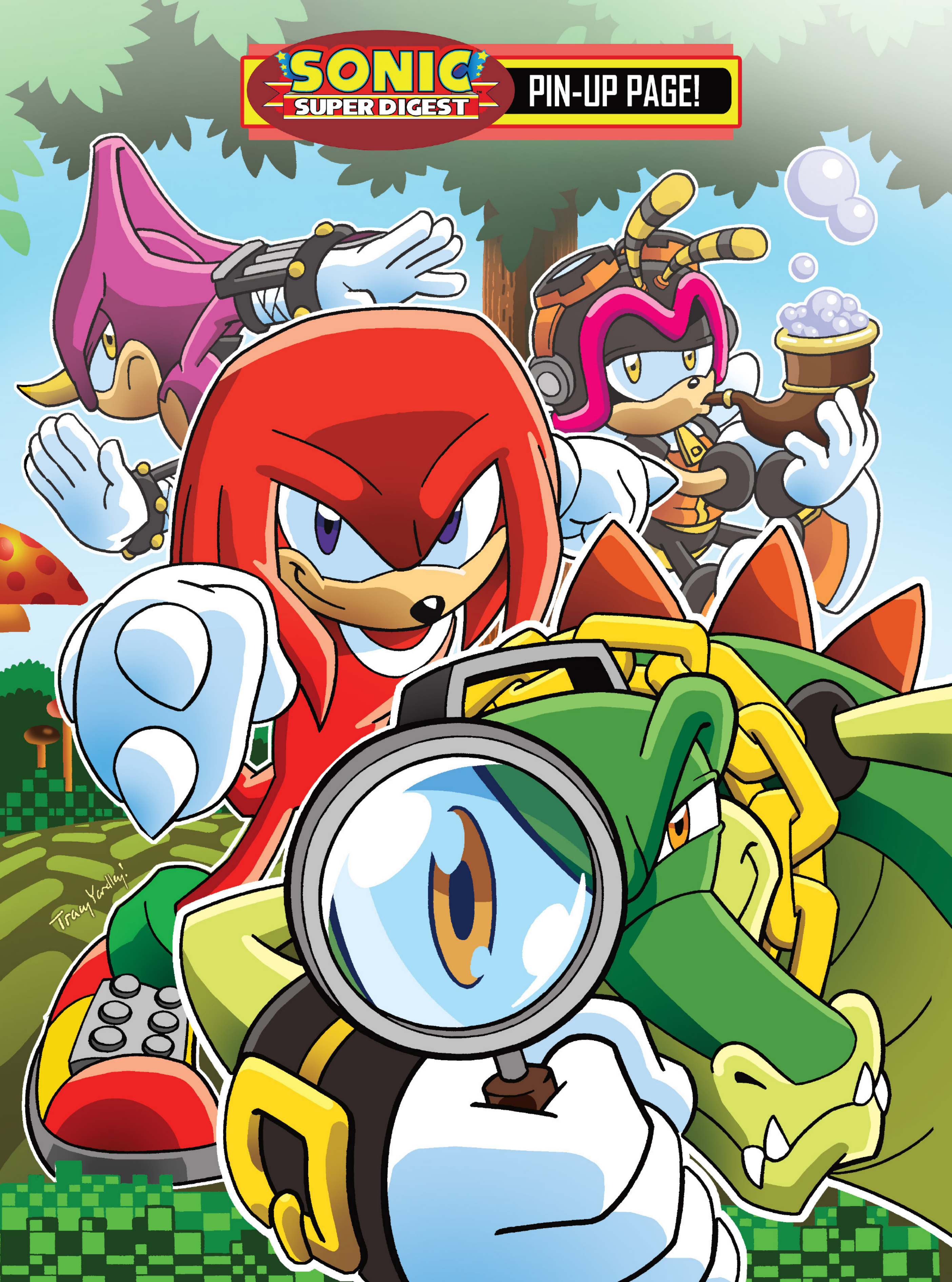
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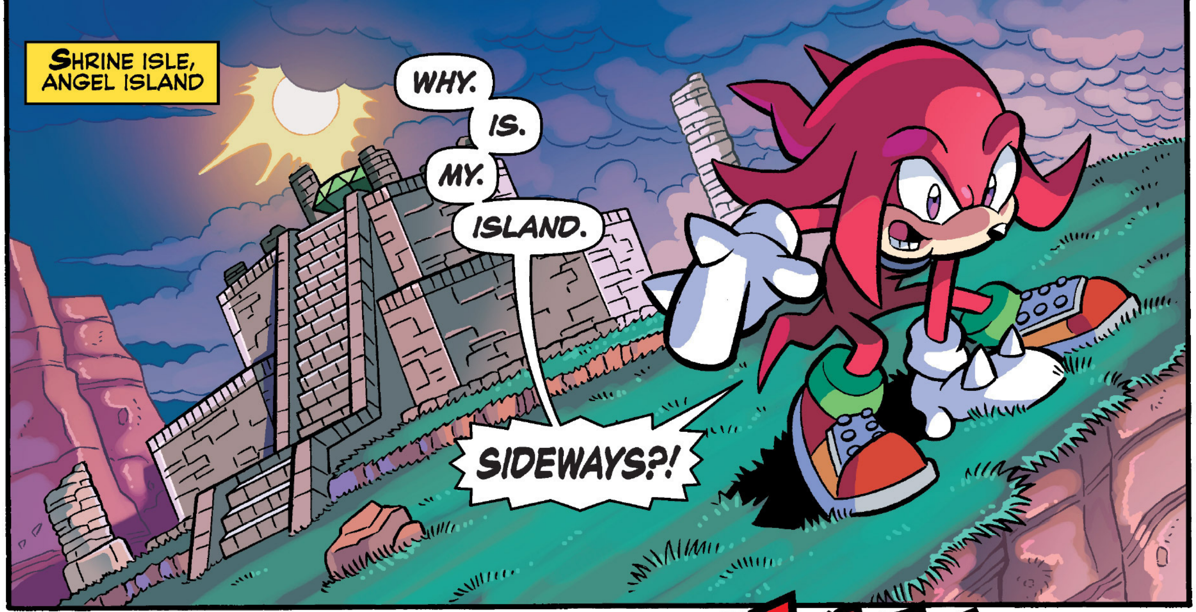
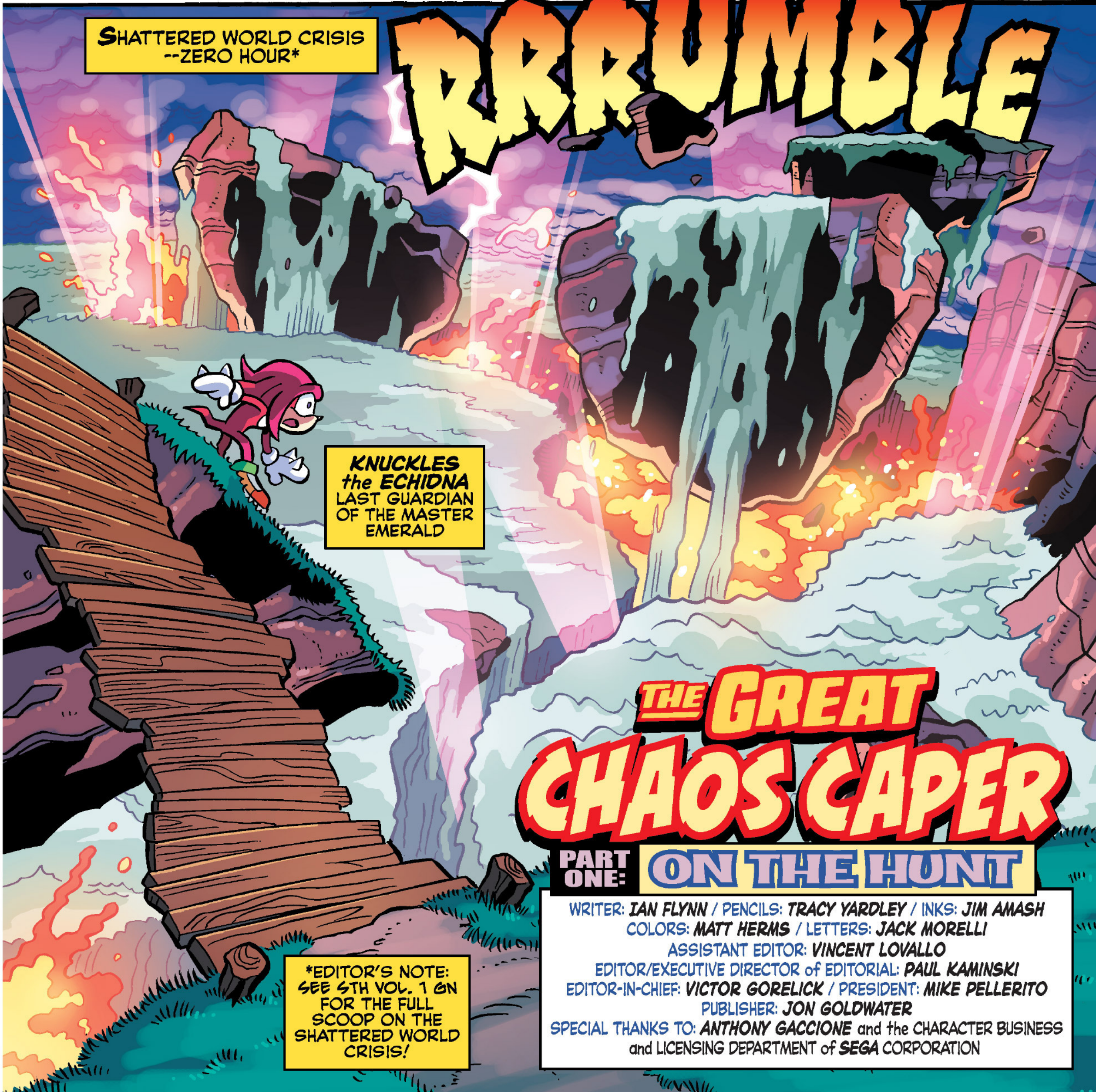

SHRINE ISLE, ANGEL ISLAND
WHY.
IS.
MY.
ISLAND.
SIDEWAYS?!


SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS --ZERO HOUR*
RRRUMBLE
KNUCKLES the ECHIDNA LAST GUARDIAN OF THE MASTER EMERALD
*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE STH VOL. 1 GN FOR THE FULL SCOOP ON THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS!

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

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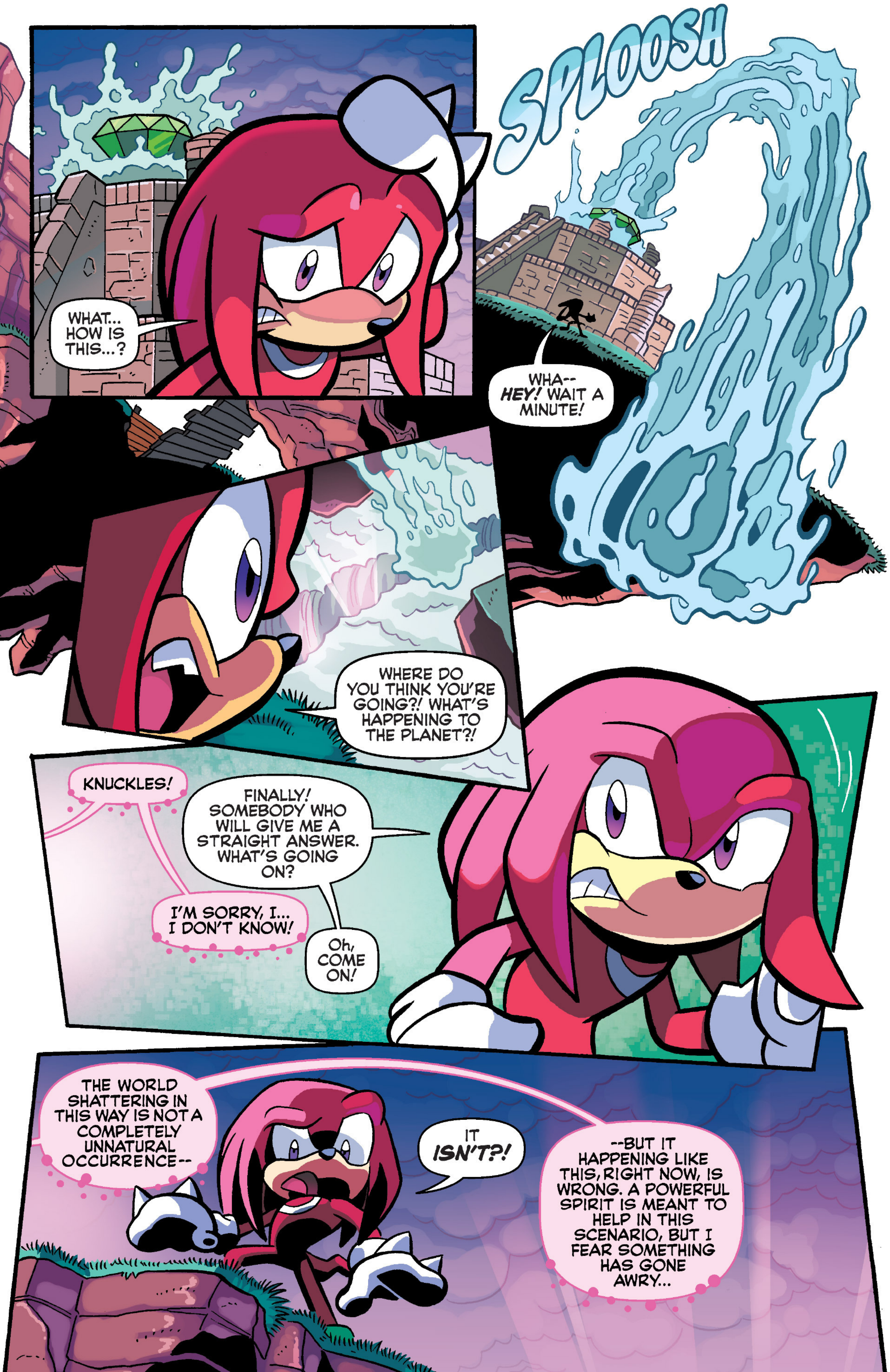
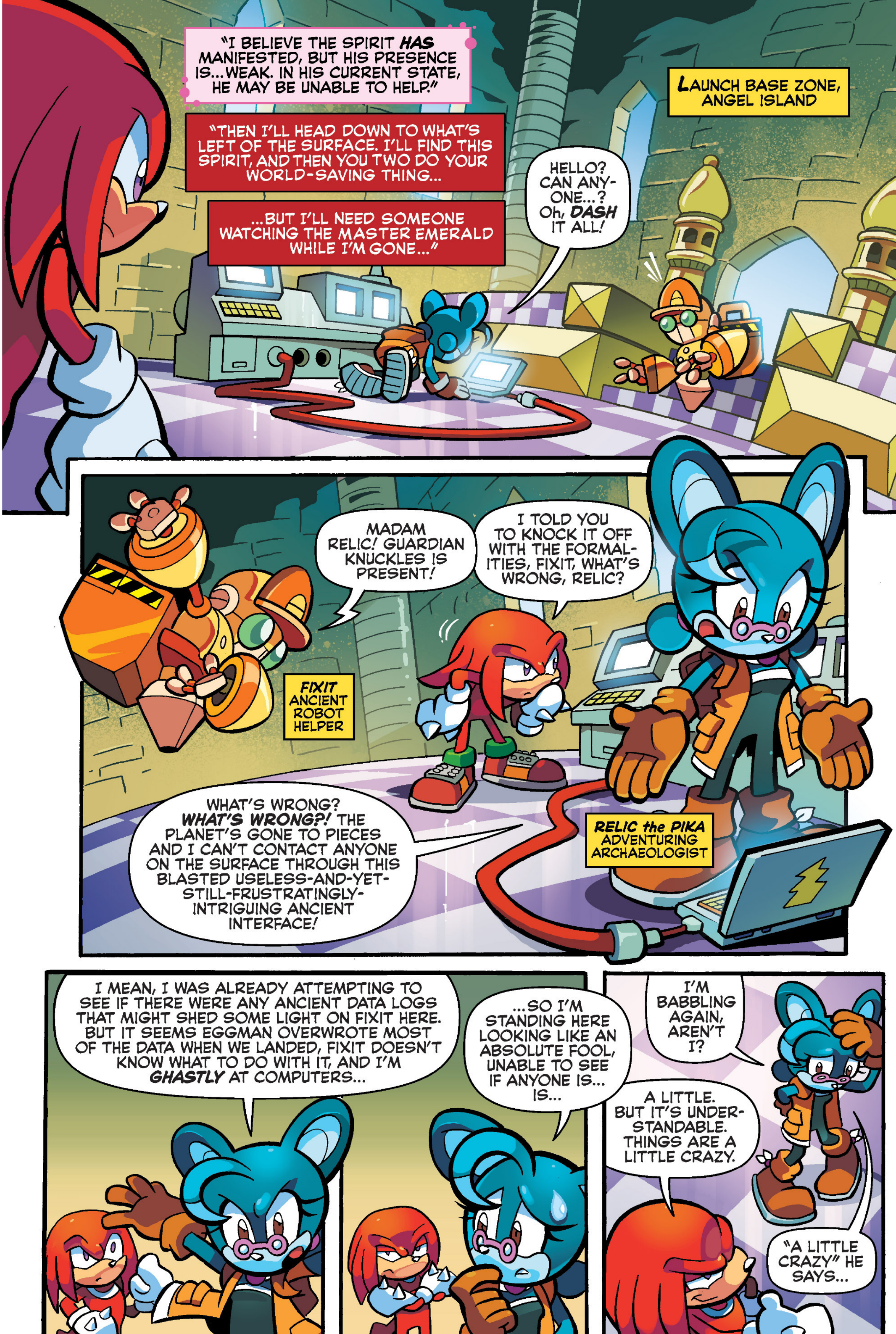
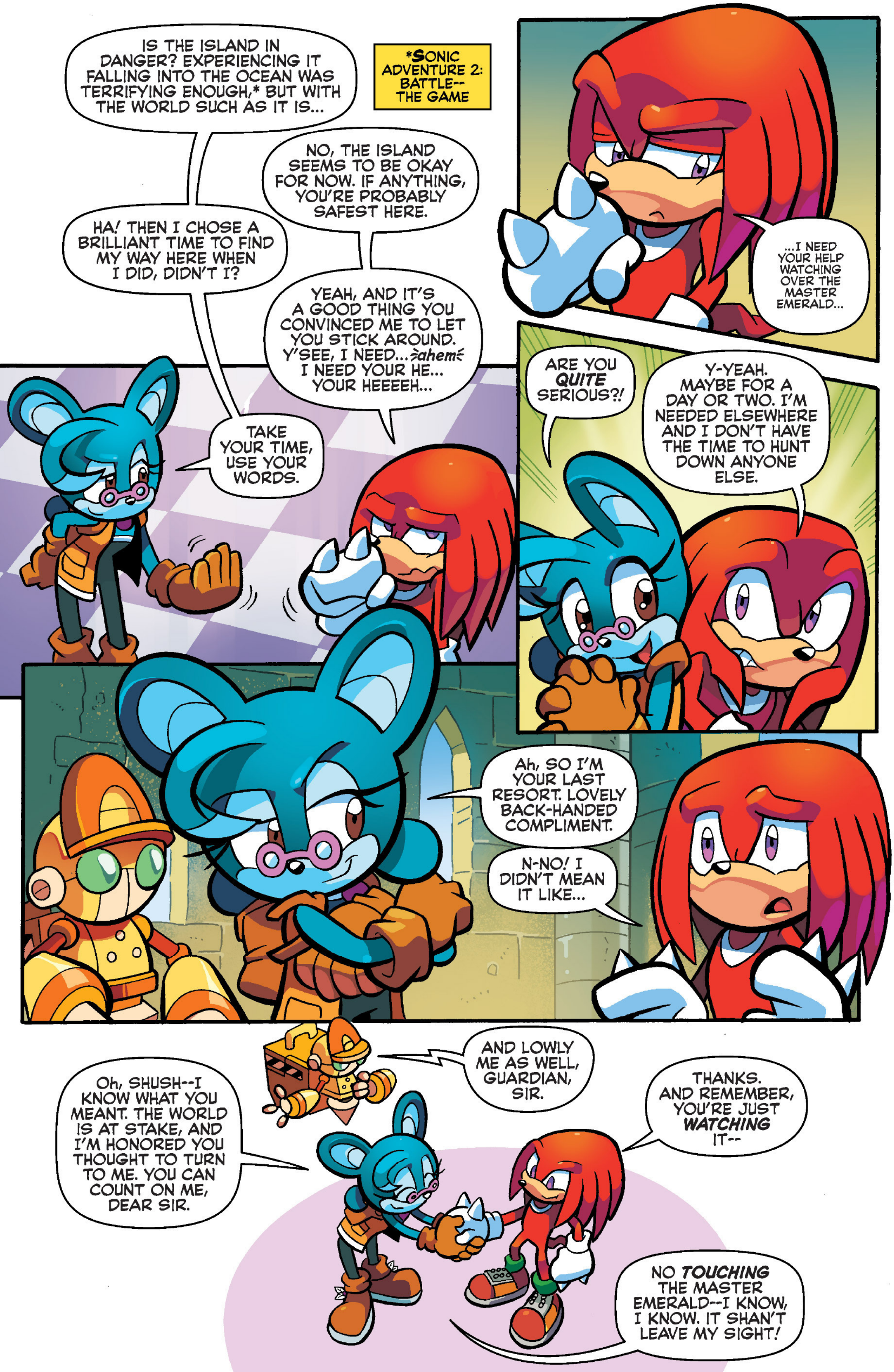
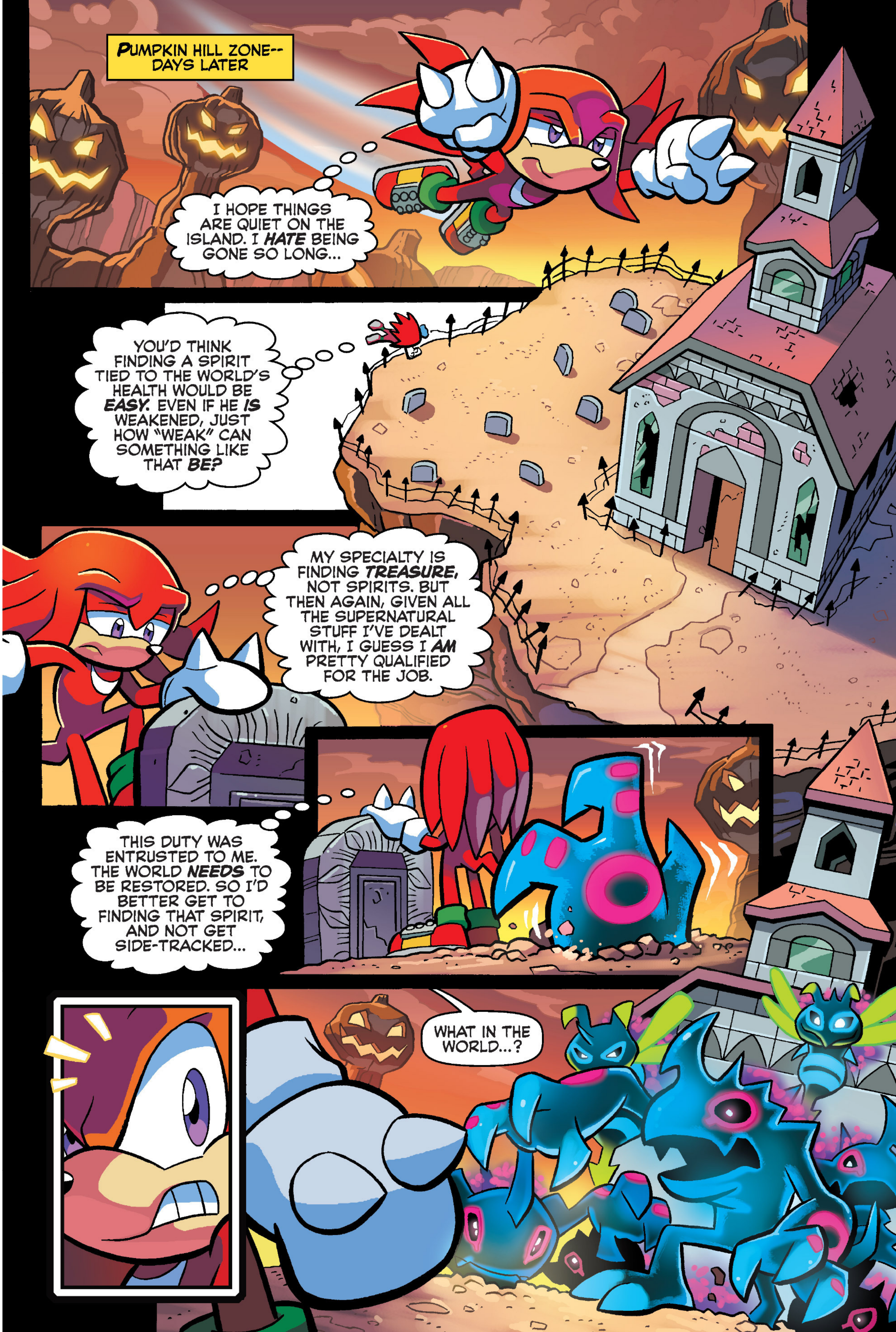
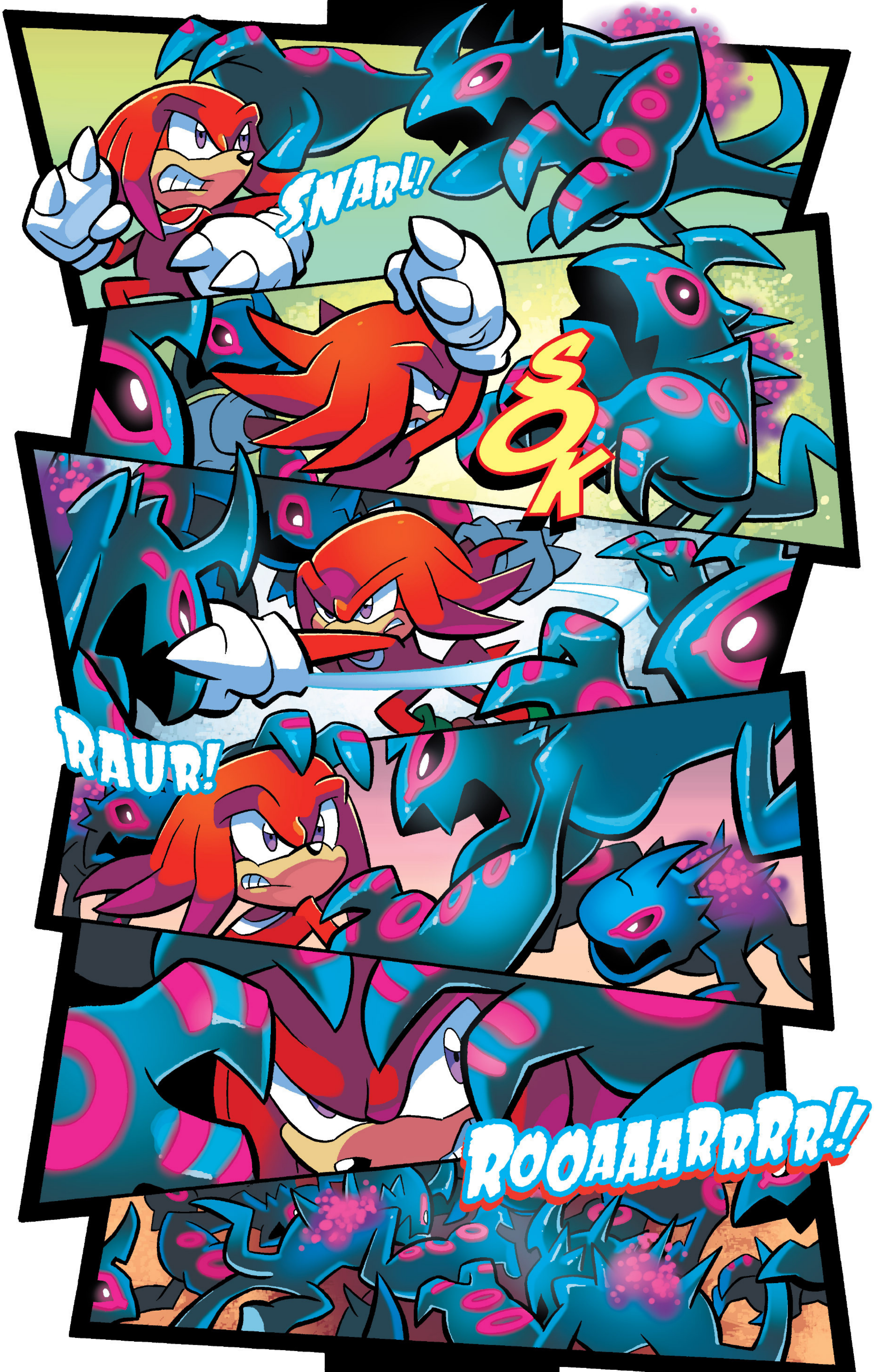
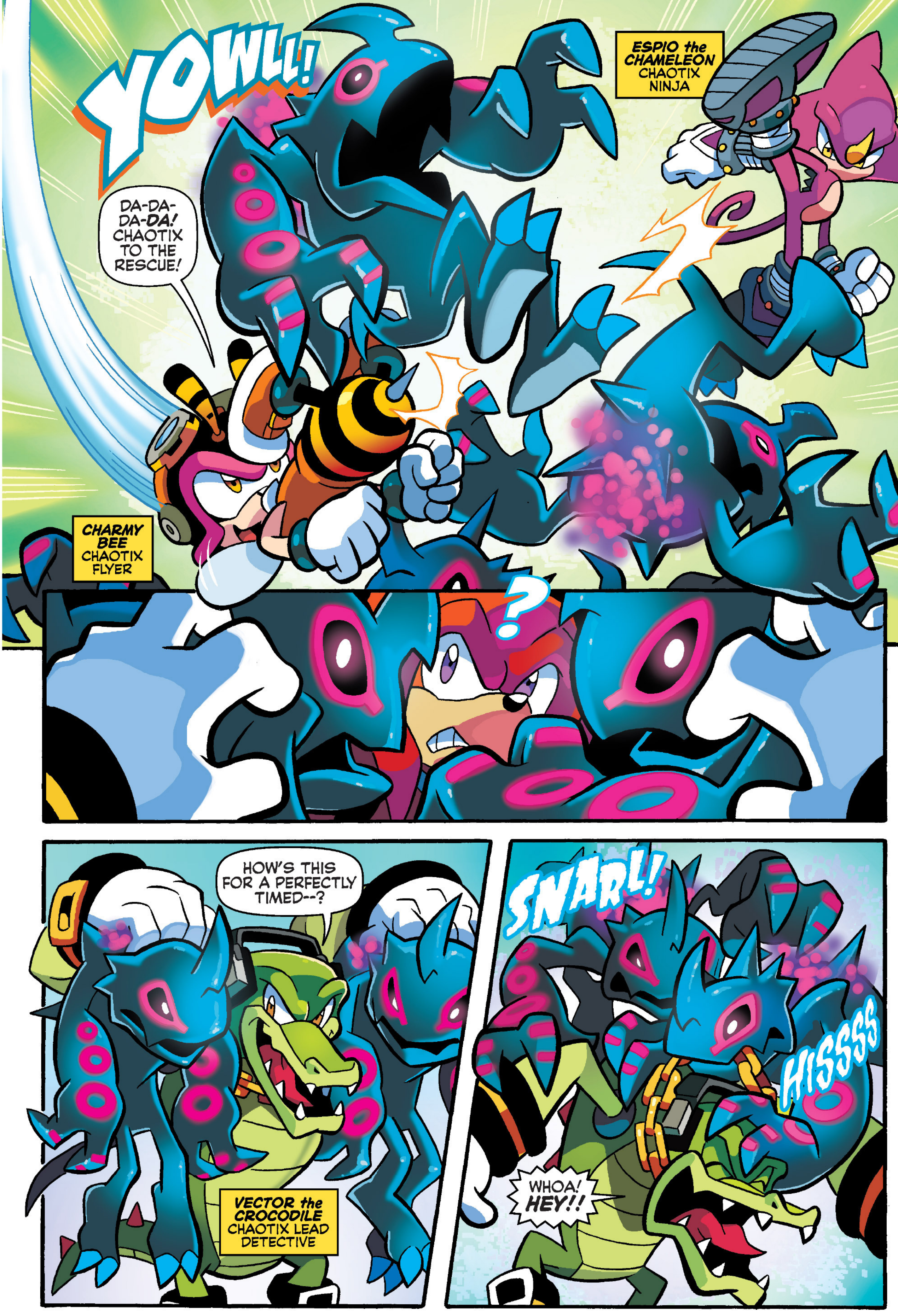

WHAT... HOW IS THIS...?
SPLOOSH
WHA-- HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PLANET?!
KNUCKLES!
FINALLY! SOMEBODY WHO WILL GIVE ME A STRAIGHT ANSWER. WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M SORRY, I... I DON'T KNOW!
Oh, COME ON!
THE WORLD SHATTERING IN THIS WAY IS NOT A COMPLETELY UNNATURAL OCCURRENCE--
IT ISN'T?!
--BUT IT HAPPENING LIKE THIS, RIGHT NOW, IS WRONG. A POWERFUL SPIRIT IS MEANT TO HELP IN THIS SCENARIO, BUT I FEAR SOMETHING HAS GONE AWRY...

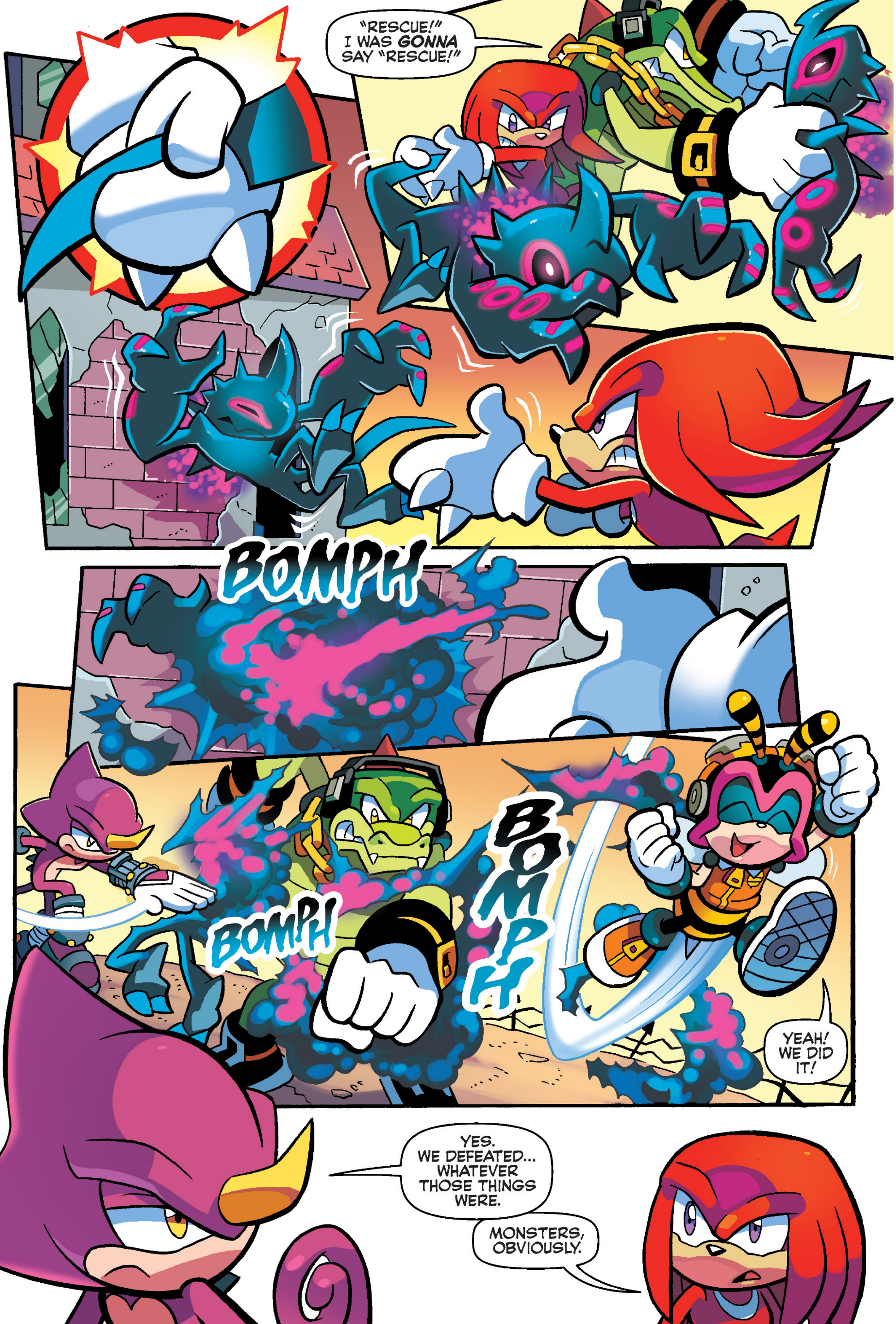

"I BELIEVE THE SPIRIT **HAS** MANIFESTED, BUT HIS PRESENCE IS...WEAK. IN HIS CURRENT STATE, HE MAY BE UNABLE TO HELP."
"THEN I'LL HEAD DOWN TO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SURFACE. I'LL FIND THIS SPIRIT, AND THEN YOU TWO DO YOUR WORLD-SAVING THING...
...BUT I'LL NEED SOMEONE WATCHING THE MASTER EMERALD WHILE I'M GONE..."
LAUNCH BASE ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND
HELLO? CAN ANYONE...? Oh, **DASH** IT ALL!
MADAM RELIC! GUARDIAN KNUCKLES IS PRESENT!
I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF WITH THE FORMALITIES, FIXIT. WHAT'S WRONG, RELIC?
FIXIT ANCIENT ROBOT HELPER
WHAT'S WRONG? ***WHAT'S WRONG?!*** THE PLANET'S GONE TO PIECES AND I CAN'T CONTACT ANYONE ON THE SURFACE THROUGH THIS BLASTED USELESS-AND-YET-STILL-FRUSTRATINGLY-INTRIGUING ANCIENT INTERFACE!
RELIC the PIKA ADVENTURING ARCHAEOLOGIST
I MEAN, I WAS ALREADY ATTEMPTING TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY ANCIENT DATA LOGS THAT MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON FIXIT HERE. BUT IT SEEMS EGGMAN OVERWROTE MOST OF THE DATA WHEN WE LANDED, FIXIT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT, AND I'M ***GHASTLY*** AT COMPUTERS...
...SO I'M STANDING HERE LOOKING LIKE AN ABSOLUTE FOOL, UNABLE TO SEE IF ANYONE IS... IS...
I'M BABBLING AGAIN, AREN'T I?
A LITTLE. BUT IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. THINGS ARE A LITTLE CRAZY.
"A LITTLE CRAZY" HE SAYS...


IS THE ISLAND IN DANGER? EXPERIENCING IT FALLING INTO THE OCEAN WAS TERRIFYING ENOUGH,* BUT WITH THE WORLD SUCH AS IT IS...
*SONIC ADVENTURE 2: BATTLE--THE GAME
NO, THE ISLAND SEEMS TO BE OKAY FOR NOW. IF ANYTHING, YOU'RE PROBABLY SAFEST HERE.
HA! THEN I CHOSE A BRILLIANT TIME TO FIND MY WAY HERE WHEN I DID, DIDN'T I?
YEAH, AND IT'S A GOOD THING YOU CONVINCED ME TO LET YOU STICK AROUND. Y'SEE, I NEED... *ahem* I NEED YOUR HE... YOUR HEEEEH...
TAKE YOUR TIME, USE YOUR WORDS.
...I NEED YOUR HELP WATCHING OVER THE MASTER EMERALD...
ARE YOU *QUITE* SERIOUS?!
Y-YEAH. MAYBE FOR A DAY OR TWO. I'M NEEDED ELSEWHERE AND I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO HUNT DOWN ANYONE ELSE.
Ah, SO I'M YOUR LAST RESORT. LOVELY BACK-HANDED COMPLIMENT.
N-NO! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE...
AND LOWLY ME AS WELL, GUARDIAN, SIR.
Oh, SHUSH--I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT. THE WORLD IS AT STAKE, AND I'M HONORED YOU THOUGHT TO TURN TO ME. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, DEAR SIR.
THANKS. AND REMEMBER, YOU'RE JUST *WATCHING* IT--
NO *TOUCHING* THE MASTER EMERALD--I KNOW, I KNOW. IT SHAN'T LEAVE MY SIGHT!


PUMPKIN HILL ZONE--
DAYS LATER
I HOPE THINGS ARE QUIET ON THE ISLAND. I *HATE* BEING GONE SO LONG...
YOU'D THINK FINDING A SPIRIT TIED TO THE WORLD'S HEALTH WOULD BE *EASY.* EVEN IF HE *IS* WEAKENED, JUST HOW "WEAK" CAN SOMETHING LIKE THAT *BE?*
MY SPECIALTY IS FINDING *TREASURE,* NOT SPIRITS. BUT THEN AGAIN, GIVEN ALL THE SUPERNATURAL STUFF I'VE DEALT WITH, I GUESS I *AM* PRETTY QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB.
THIS DUTY WAS ENTRUSTED TO ME. THE WORLD *NEEDS* TO BE RESTORED. SO I'D BETTER GET TO FINDING THAT SPIRIT, AND NOT GET SIDE-TRACKED...
WHAT IN THE WORLD...?


SNARL!
SOK
RAUR!
ROOAAAARRRRR!!


YOWL!!
DA-DA-DA-DA! CHAOTIX TO THE RESCUE!
ESPIO the CHAMELEON CHAOTIX NINJA
CHARMY BEE CHAOTIX FLYER
?
HOW'S THIS FOR A PERFECTLY TIMED--?
VECTOR the CROCODILE CHAOTIX LEAD DETECTIVE
SNARL!
HISSSS
WHOA! HEY!!


"RESCUE!" I WAS GONNA SAY "RESCUE!"
BOMPH
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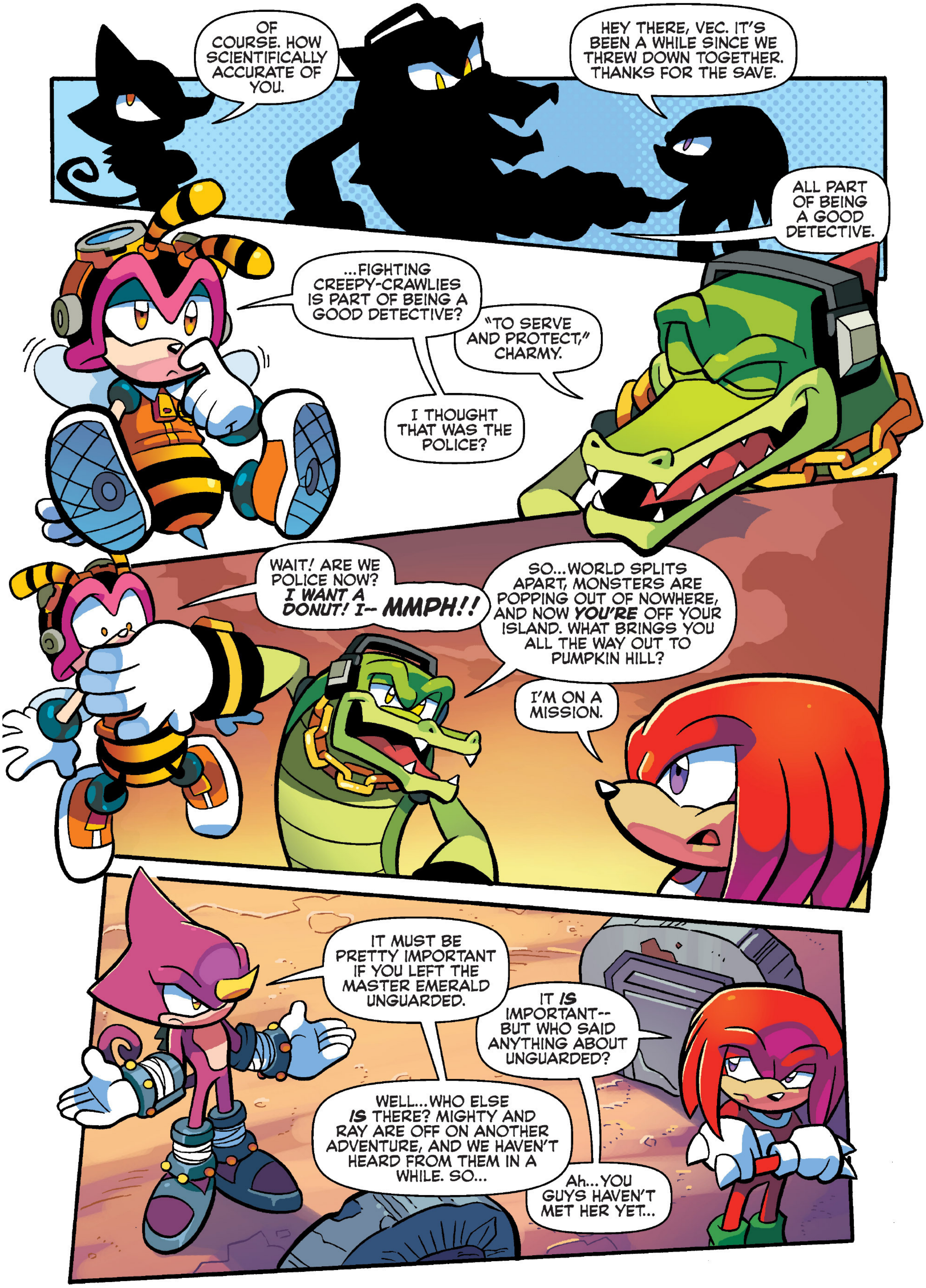
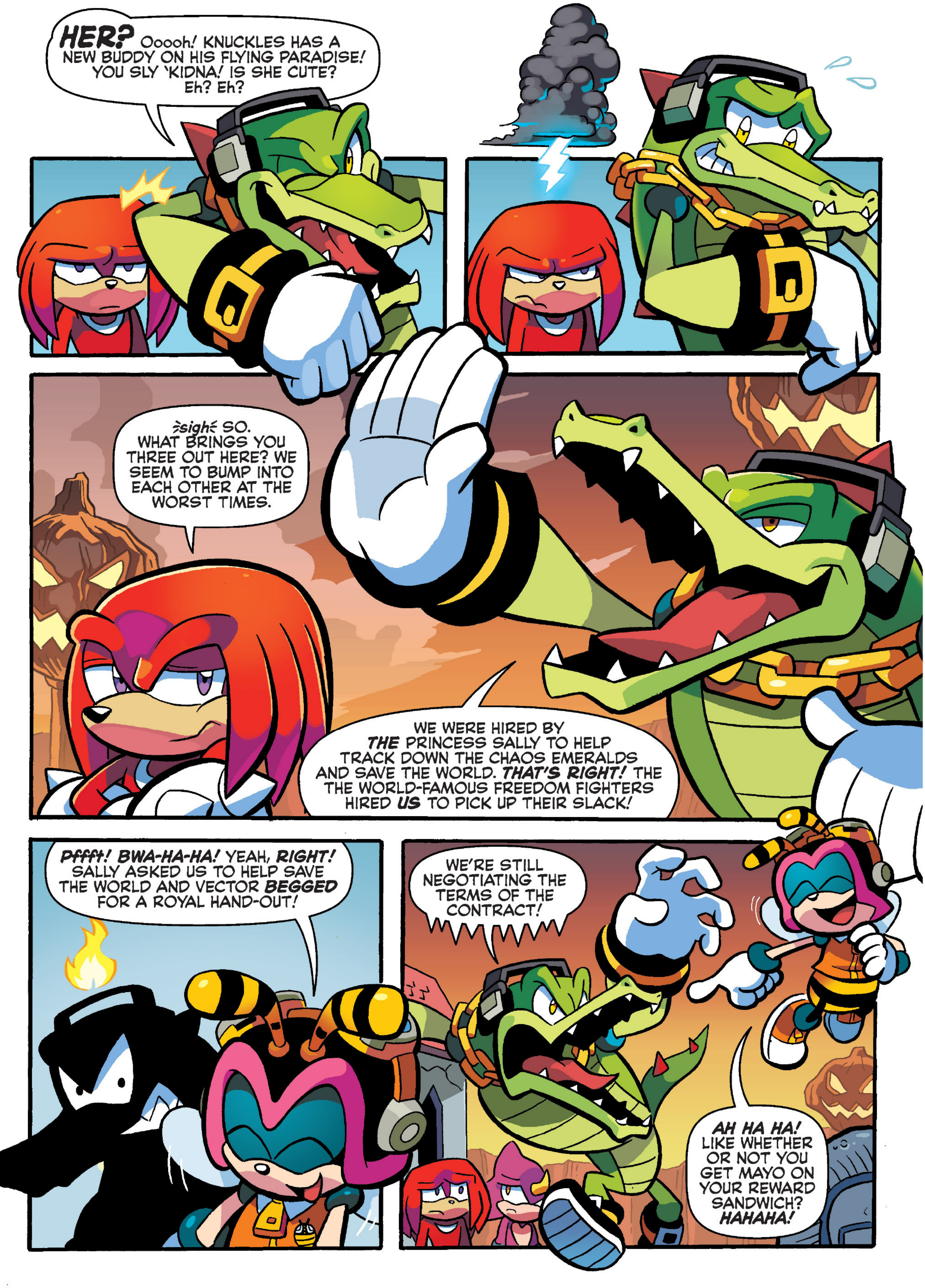
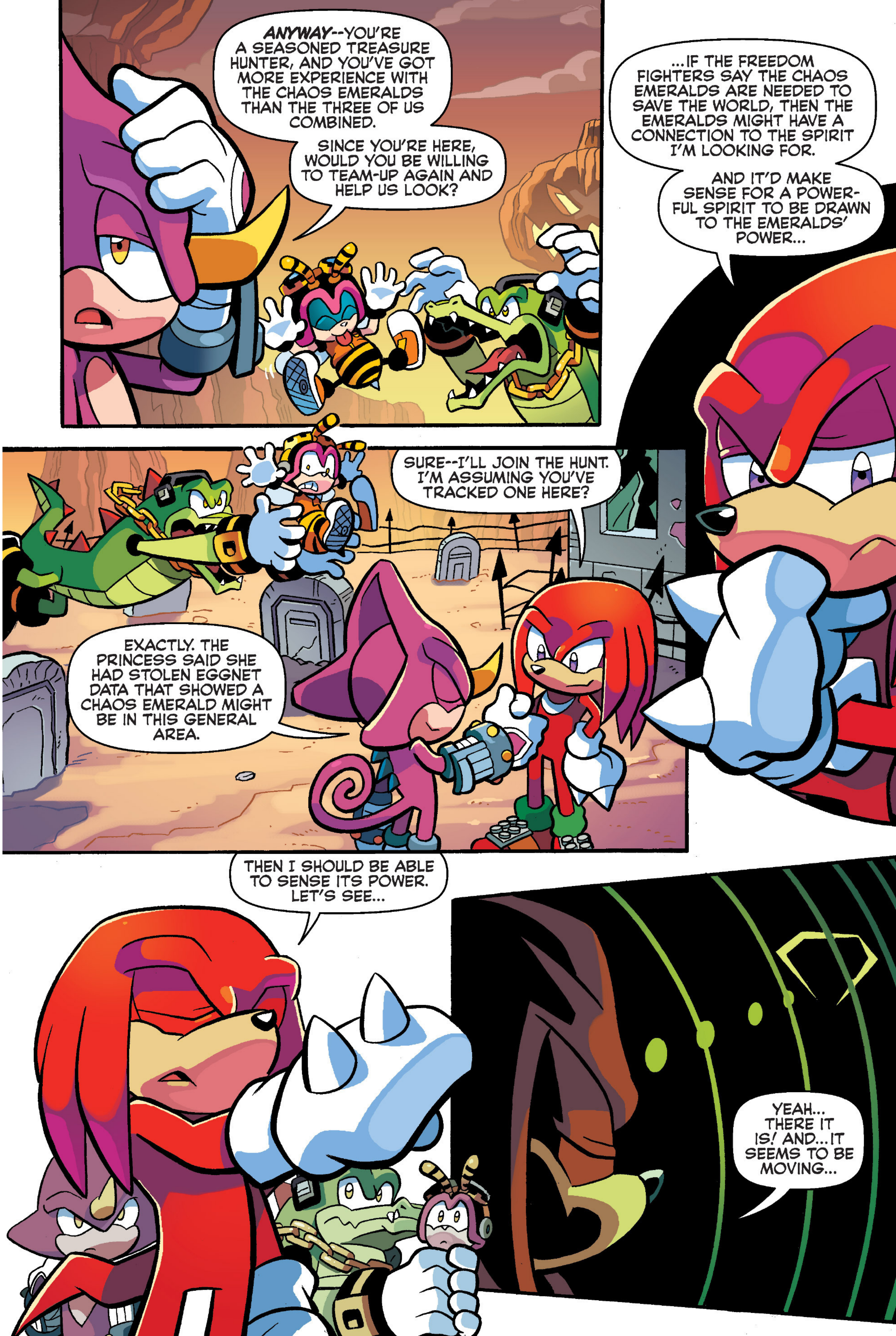
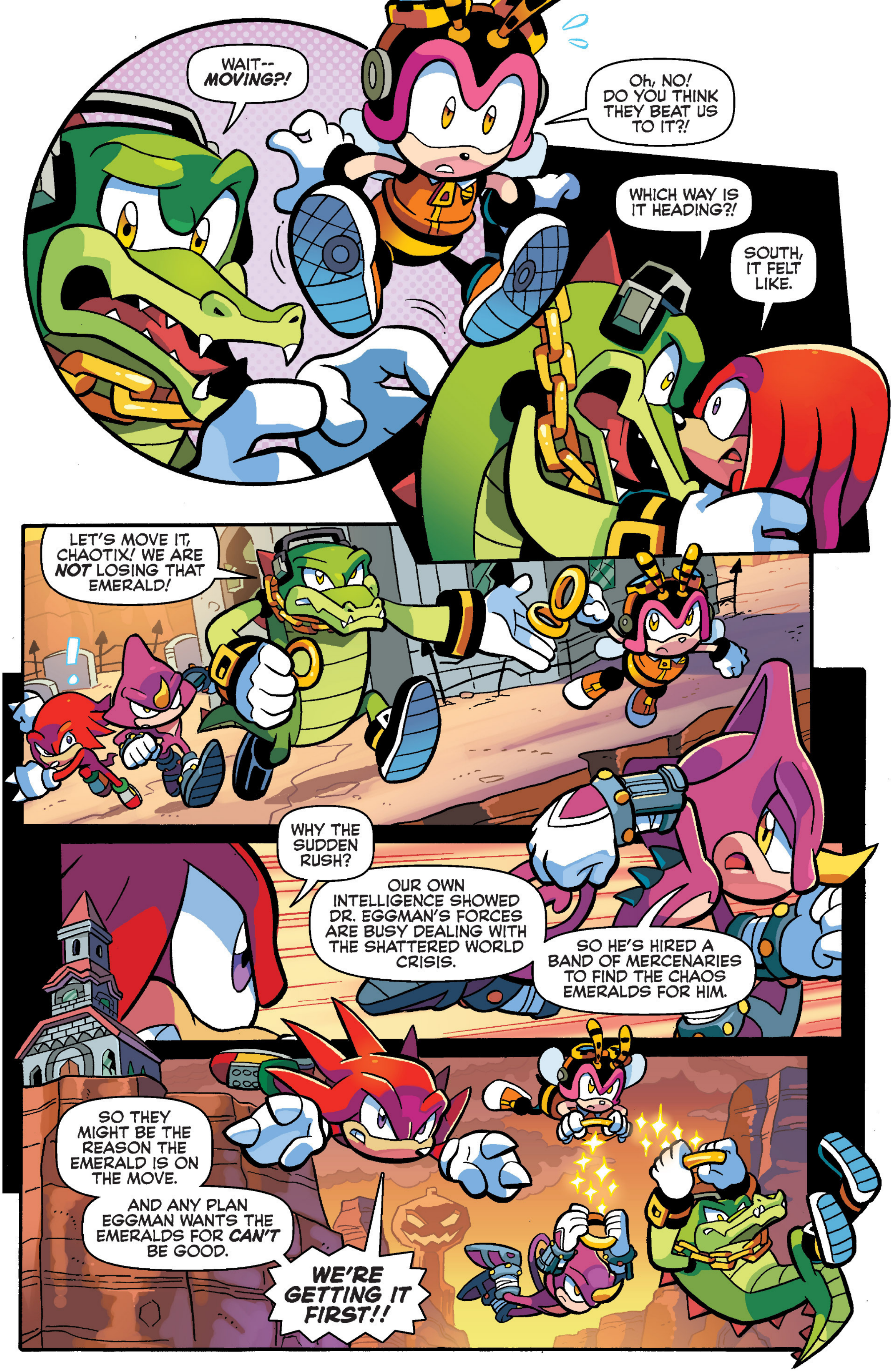
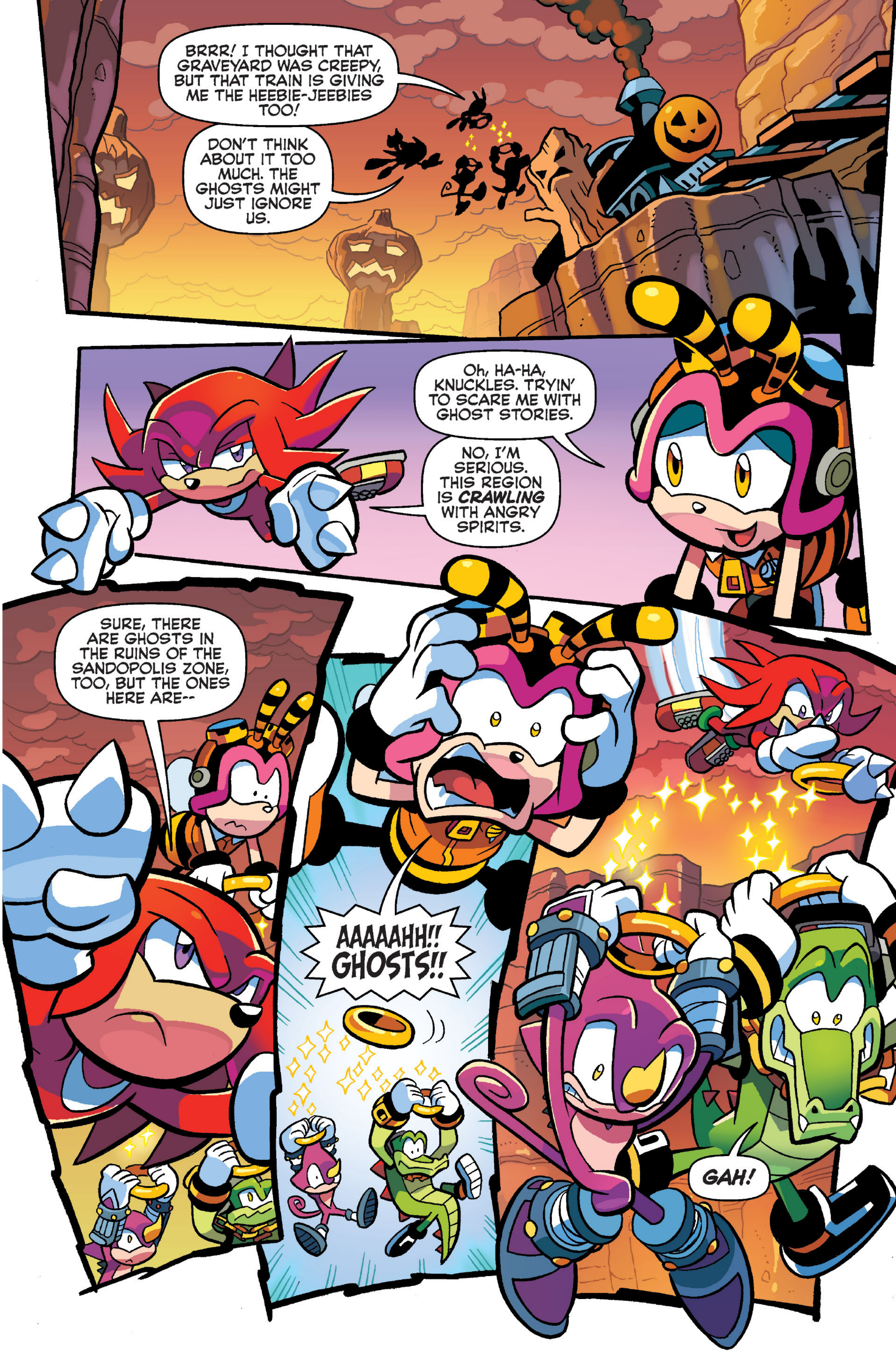
YEAH! WE DID IT!
YES. WE DEFEATED... WHATEVER THOSE THINGS WERE.
MONSTERS, OBVIOUSLY.

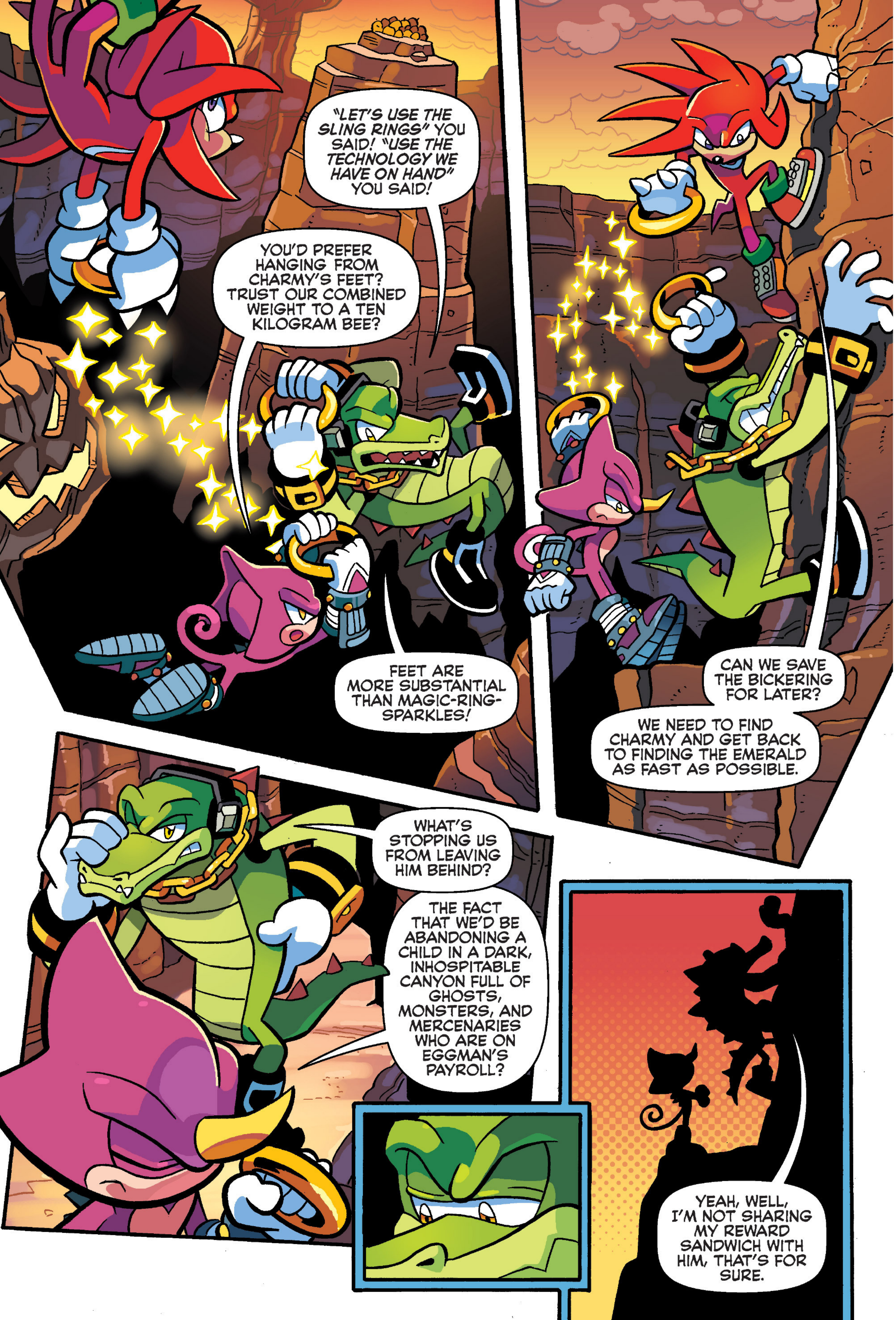

OF COURSE. HOW SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE OF YOU.
HEY THERE, VEC. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE THREW DOWN TOGETHER. THANKS FOR THE SAVE.
ALL PART OF BEING A GOOD DETECTIVE.
...FIGHTING CREEPY-CRAWLIES IS PART OF BEING A GOOD DETECTIVE?
"TO SERVE AND PROTECT," CHARMY.
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE POLICE?
WAIT! ARE WE POLICE NOW? *I WANT A DONUT! I--* ***MMPH!!***
SO...WORLD SPLITS APART, MONSTERS ARE POPPING OUT OF NOWHERE, AND NOW ***YOU'RE*** OFF YOUR ISLAND. WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL THE WAY OUT TO PUMPKIN HILL?
I'M ON A MISSION.
IT MUST BE PRETTY IMPORTANT IF YOU LEFT THE MASTER EMERALD UNGUARDED.
IT ***IS*** IMPORTANT-- BUT WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT UNGUARDED?
WELL...WHO ELSE ***IS*** THERE? MIGHTY AND RAY ARE OFF ON ANOTHER ADVENTURE, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM IN A WHILE. SO...
Ah...YOU GUYS HAVEN'T MET HER YET...

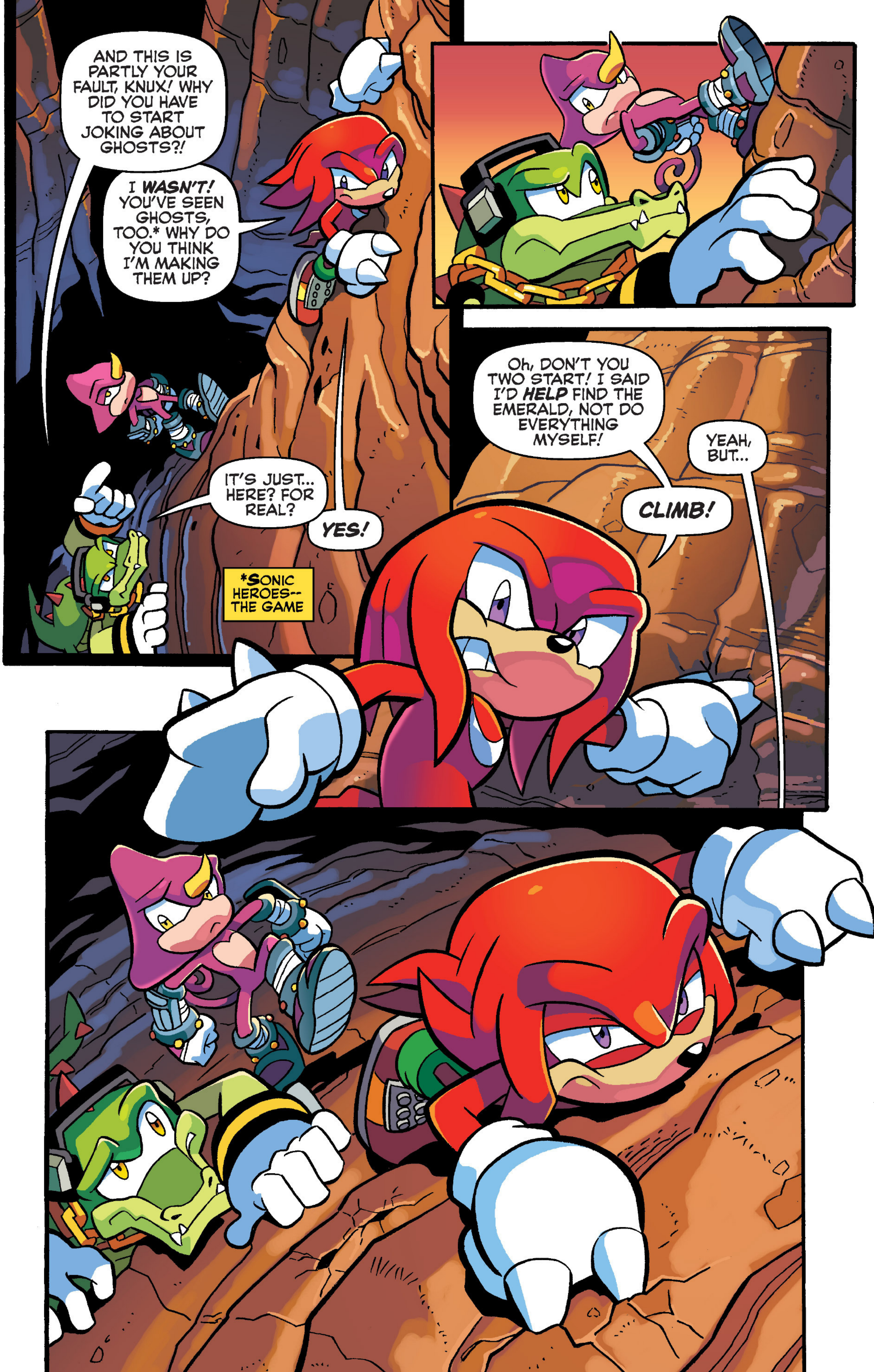

HER? Ooooh! KNUCKLES HAS A NEW BUDDY ON HIS FLYING PARADISE! YOU SLY 'KIDNA! IS SHE CUTE? Eh? Eh?
sigh SO. WHAT BRINGS YOU THREE OUT HERE? WE SEEM TO BUMP INTO EACH OTHER AT THE WORST TIMES.
WE WERE HIRED BY THE PRINCESS SALLY TO HELP TRACK DOWN THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND SAVE THE WORLD. THAT'S RIGHT! THE THE WORLD-FAMOUS FREEDOM FIGHTERS HIRED US TO PICK UP THEIR SLACK!
Pffft! BWA-HA-HA! YEAH, RIGHT! SALLY ASKED US TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD AND VECTOR BEGGED FOR A ROYAL HAND-OUT!
WE'RE STILL NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT!
AH HA HA! LIKE WHETHER OR NOT YOU GET MAYO ON YOUR REWARD SANDWICH? HAHAHA!

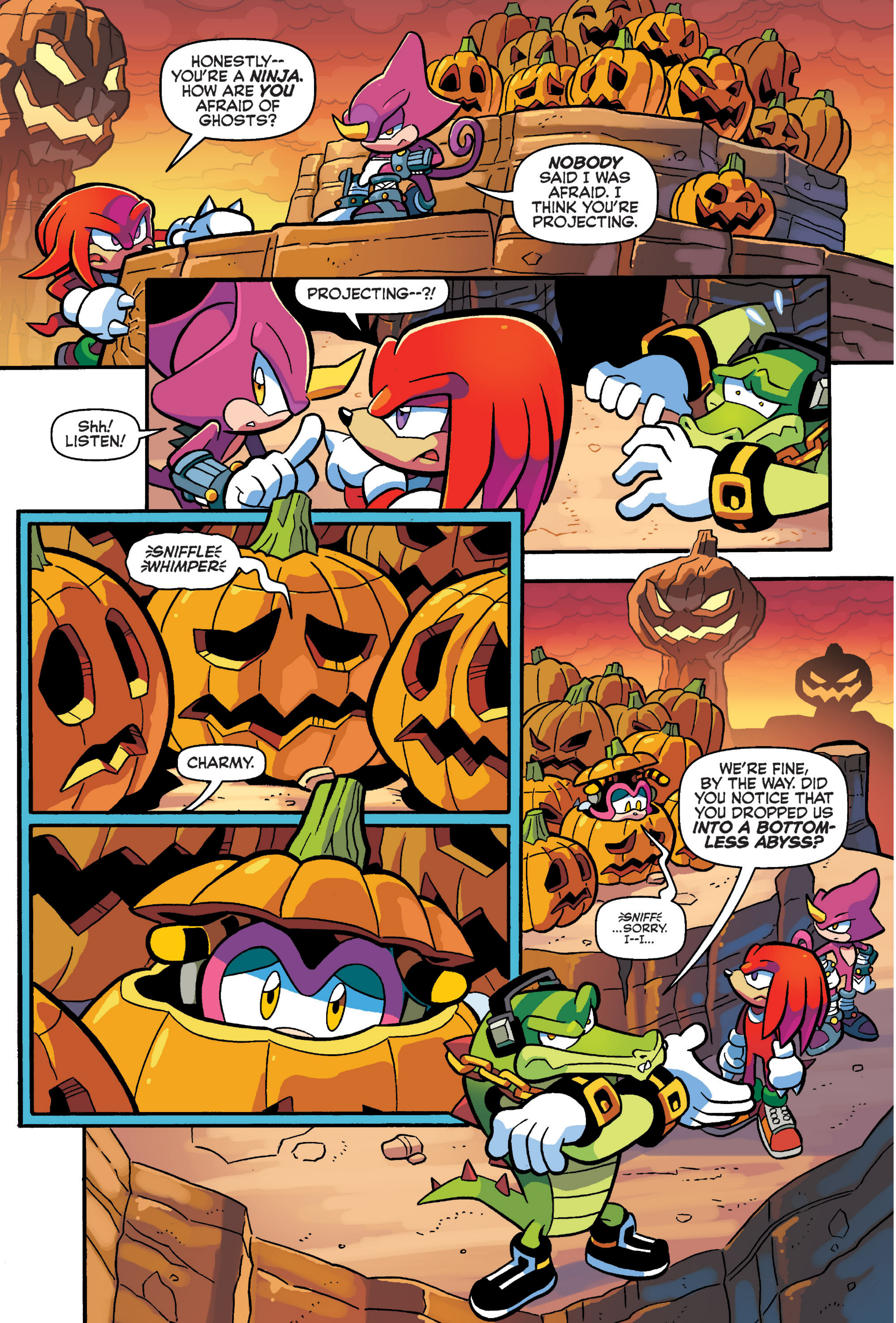

ANYWAY--YOU'RE A SEASONED TREASURE HUNTER, AND YOU'VE GOT MORE EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS THAN THE THREE OF US COMBINED.
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TEAM-UP AGAIN AND HELP US LOOK?
SURE--I'LL JOIN THE HUNT. I'M ASSUMING YOU'VE TRACKED ONE HERE?
EXACTLY. THE PRINCESS SAID SHE HAD STOLEN EGGNET DATA THAT SHOWED A CHAOS EMERALD MIGHT BE IN THIS GENERAL AREA.
...IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SAY THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE NEEDED TO SAVE THE WORLD, THEN THE EMERALDS MIGHT HAVE A CONNECTION TO THE SPIRIT I'M LOOKING FOR.
AND IT'D MAKE SENSE FOR A POWERFUL SPIRIT TO BE DRAWN TO THE EMERALDS' POWER...
THEN I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE ITS POWER. LET'S SEE...
YEAH... THERE IT IS! AND...IT SEEMS TO BE MOVING...

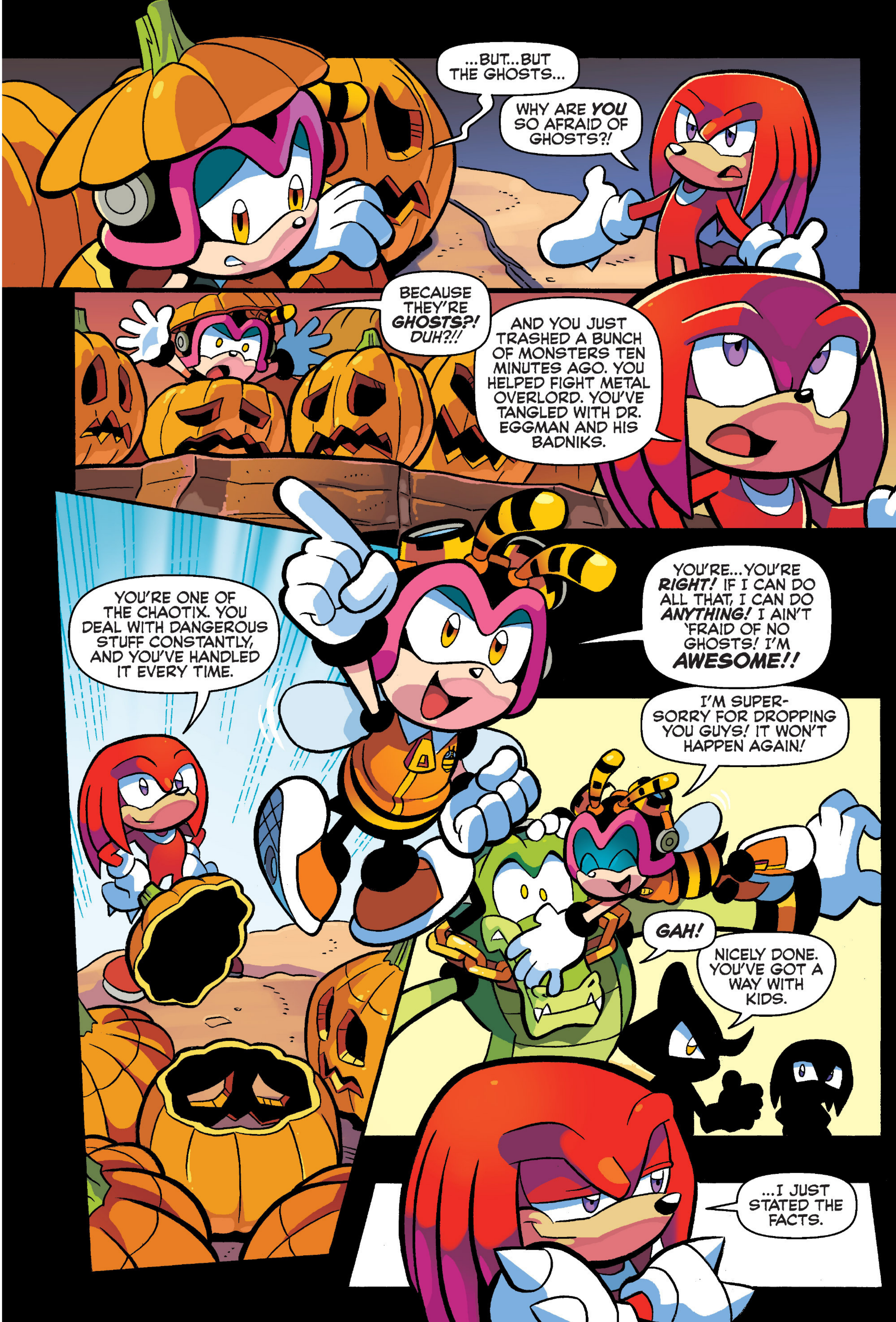

WAIT-- *MOVING?!*
Oh, NO! DO YOU THINK THEY BEAT US TO IT?!
WHICH WAY IS IT HEADING?!
SOUTH, IT FELT LIKE.
LET'S MOVE IT, CHAOTIX! WE ARE *NOT* LOSING THAT EMERALD!
!
WHY THE SUDDEN RUSH?
OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE SHOWED DR. EGGMAN'S FORCES ARE BUSY DEALING WITH THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS.
SO HE'S HIRED A BAND OF MERCENARIES TO FIND THE CHAOS EMERALDS FOR HIM.
SO THEY MIGHT BE THE REASON THE EMERALD IS ON THE MOVE.
AND ANY PLAN EGGMAN WANTS THE EMERALDS FOR *CAN'T* BE GOOD.
WE'RE GETTING IT FIRST!!

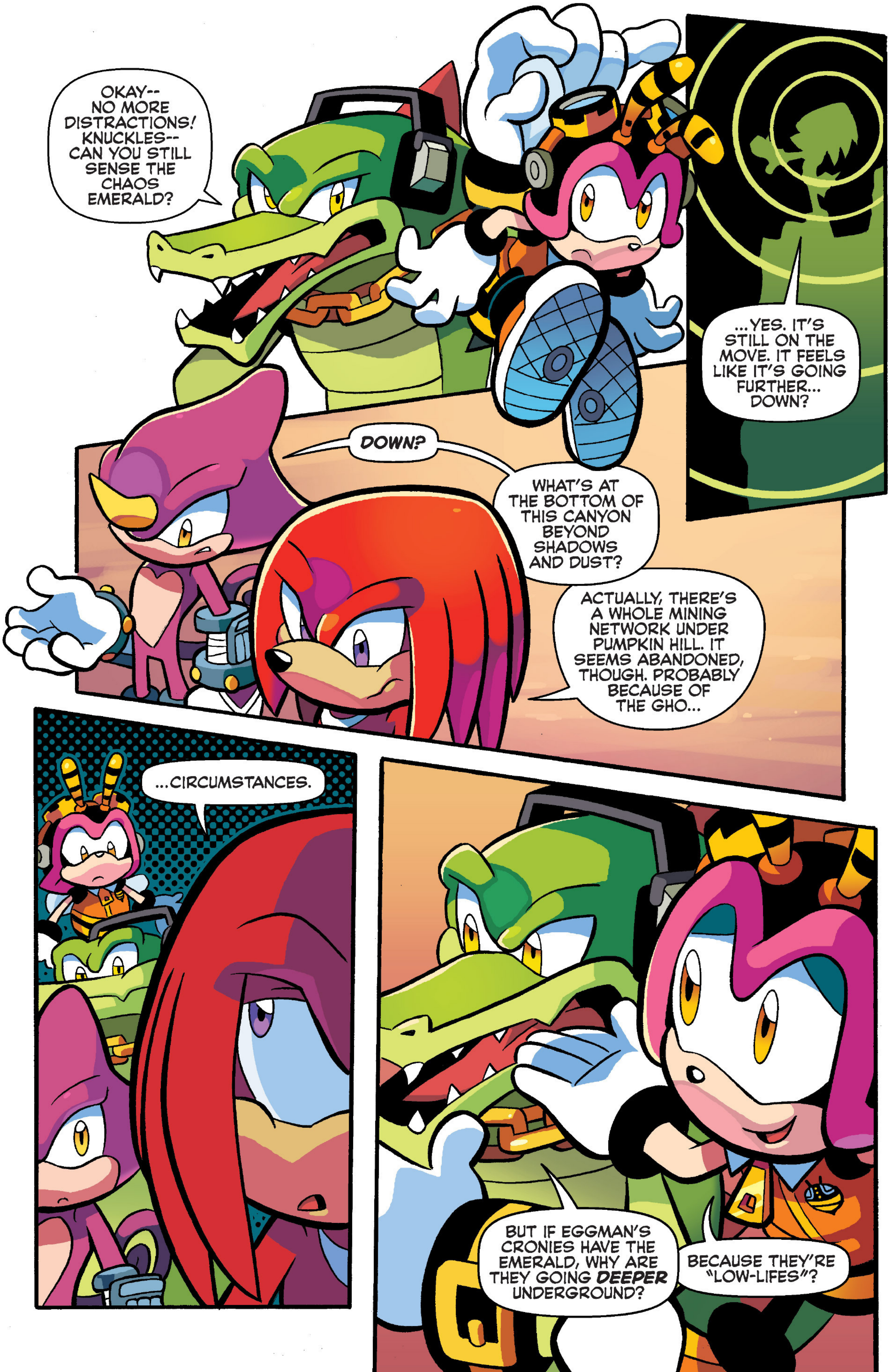

BRRR! I THOUGHT THAT GRAVEYARD WAS CREEPY, BUT THAT TRAIN IS GIVING ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES TOO!
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH. THE GHOSTS MIGHT JUST IGNORE US.
Oh, HA-HA, KNUCKLES. TRYIN' TO SCARE ME WITH GHOST STORIES.
NO, I'M SERIOUS. THIS REGION IS CRAWLING WITH ANGRY SPIRITS.
SURE, THERE ARE GHOSTS IN THE RUINS OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE, TOO, BUT THE ONES HERE ARE--
AAAAAHH!! GHOSTS!!
GAH!

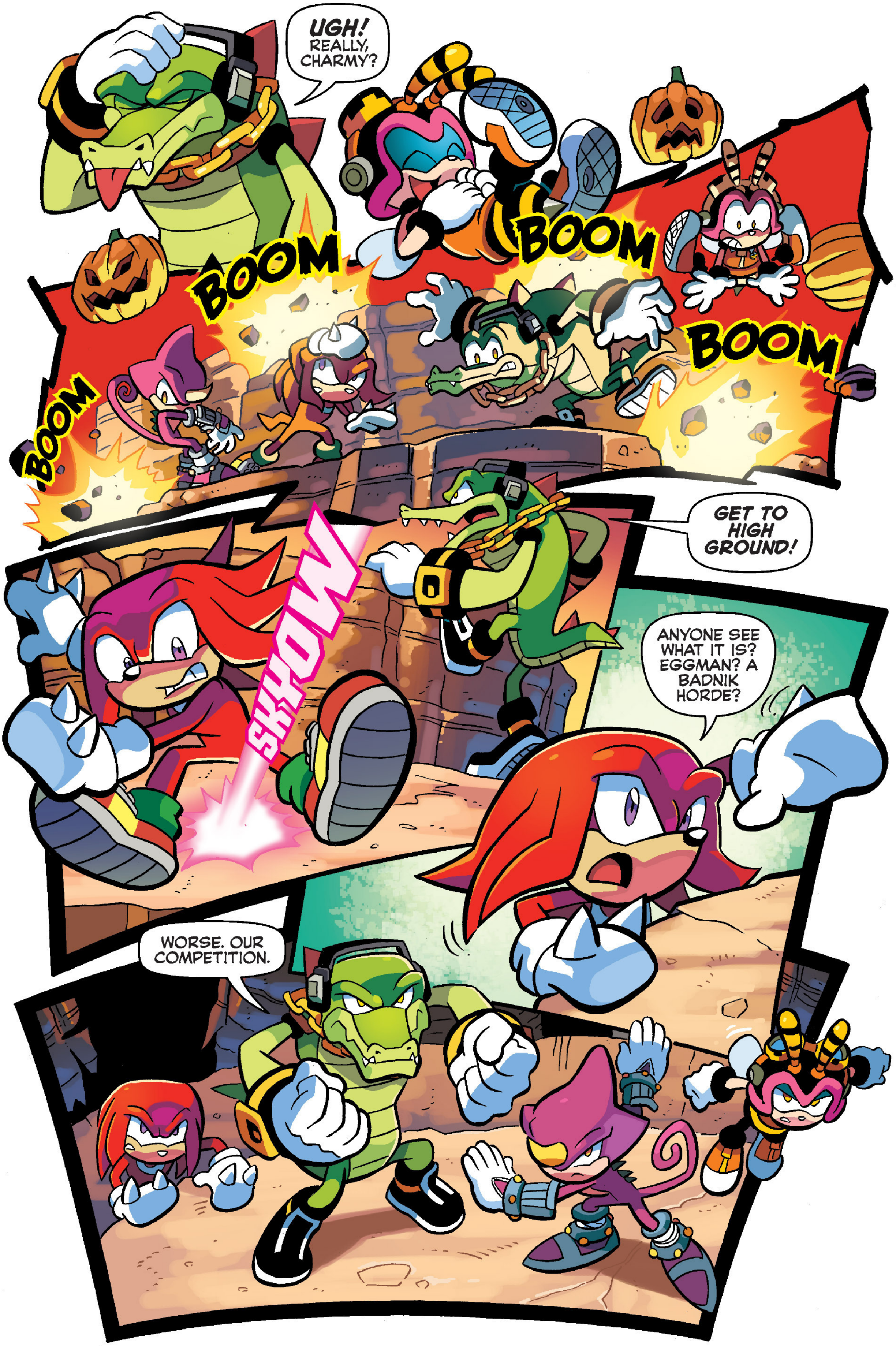

“LET’S USE THE SLING RINGS” YOU SAID! “USE THE TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE ON HAND” YOU SAID!
YOU’D PREFER HANGING FROM CHARMY’S FEET? TRUST OUR COMBINED WEIGHT TO A TEN KILOGRAM BEE?
FEET ARE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN MAGIC-RING-SPARKLES!
CAN WE SAVE THE BICKERING FOR LATER?
WE NEED TO FIND CHARMY AND GET BACK TO FINDING THE EMERALD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
WHAT’S STOPPING US FROM LEAVING HIM BEHIND?
THE FACT THAT WE’D BE ABANDONING A CHILD IN A DARK, INHOSPITABLE CANYON FULL OF GHOSTS, MONSTERS, AND MERCENARIES WHO ARE ON EGGMAN’S PAYROLL?
YEAH, WELL, I’M NOT SHARING MY REWARD SANDWICH WITH HIM, THAT’S FOR SURE.

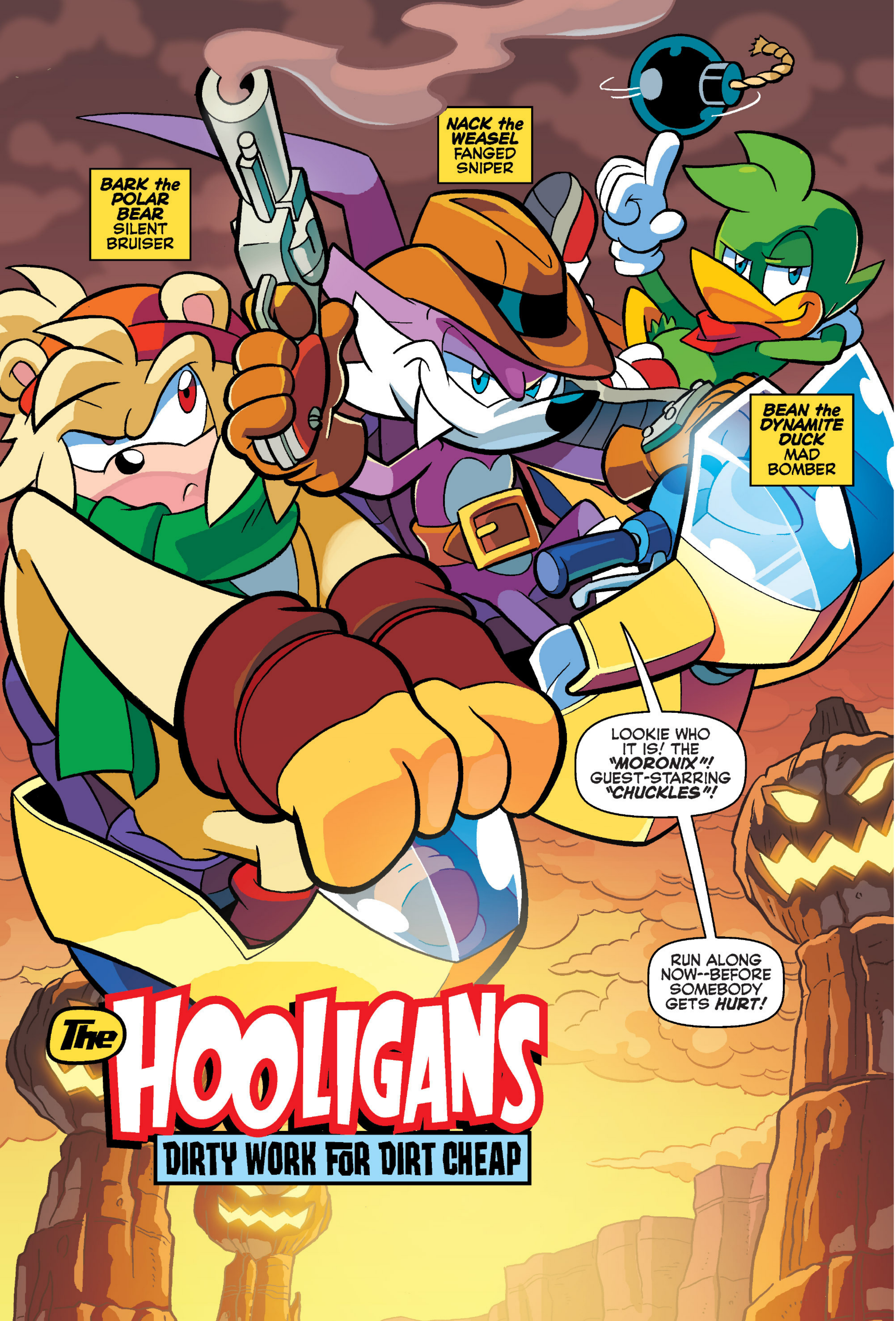

AND THIS IS PARTLY YOUR FAULT, KNUX! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO START JOKING ABOUT GHOSTS?!
I **WASN'T!** YOU'VE SEEN GHOSTS, TOO.* WHY DO YOU THINK I'M MAKING THEM UP?
IT'S JUST... HERE? FOR REAL?
YES!
*SONIC HEROES--THE GAME
Oh, DON'T YOU TWO START! I SAID I'D **HELP** FIND THE EMERALD, NOT DO EVERYTHING MYSELF!
YEAH, BUT...
CLIMB!

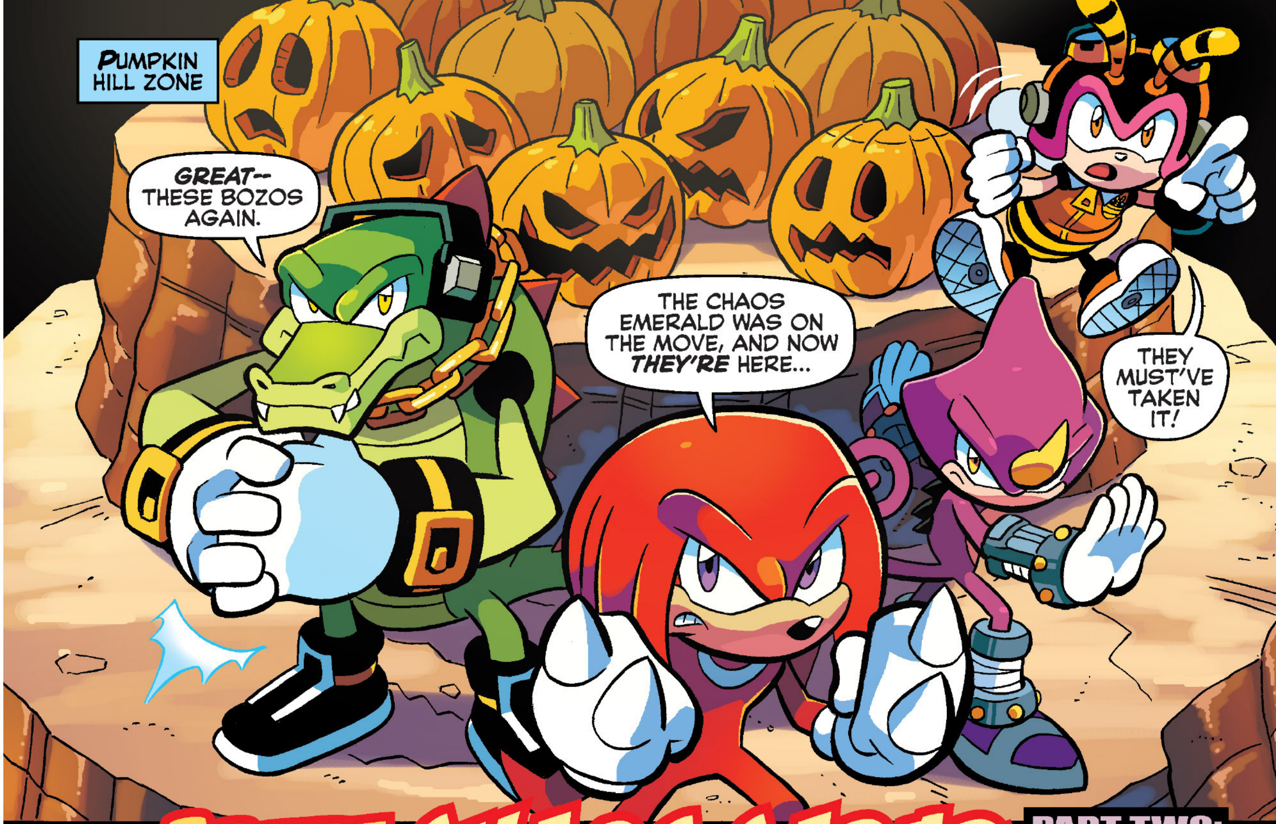

HONESTLY-- YOU'RE A *NINJA.* HOW ARE *YOU* AFRAID OF GHOSTS?
NOBODY SAID I WAS AFRAID. I THINK YOU'RE PROJECTING.
PROJECTING--?!
Shh! LISTEN!
SNIFFLE *WHIMPER*
CHARMY.
WE'RE FINE, BY THE WAY. DID YOU NOTICE THAT YOU DROPPED US ***INTO A BOTTOMLESS ABYSS?***
SNIFF ...SORRY. I--I...


...BUT...BUT THE GHOSTS...
WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF GHOSTS?!
BECAUSE THEY'RE GHOSTS?! DUH?!!
AND YOU JUST TRASHED A BUNCH OF MONSTERS TEN MINUTES AGO. YOU HELPED FIGHT METAL OVERLORD. YOU'VE TANGLED WITH DR. EGGMAN AND HIS BADNIKS.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE CHAOTIX. YOU DEAL WITH DANGEROUS STUFF CONSTANTLY, AND YOU'VE HANDLED IT EVERY TIME.
YOU'RE...YOU'RE RIGHT! IF I CAN DO ALL THAT, I CAN DO ANYTHING! I AIN'T 'FRAID OF NO GHOSTS! I'M AWESOME!!
I'M SUPER-SORRY FOR DROPPING YOU GUYS! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
GAH!
NICELY DONE. YOU'VE GOT A WAY WITH KIDS.
...I JUST STATED THE FACTS.


OKAY-- NO MORE DISTRACTIONS! KNUCKLES-- CAN YOU STILL SENSE THE CHAOS EMERALD?
...YES. IT'S STILL ON THE MOVE. IT FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING FURTHER... DOWN?
DOWN?
WHAT'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS CANYON BEYOND SHADOWS AND DUST?
ACTUALLY, THERE'S A WHOLE MINING NETWORK UNDER PUMPKIN HILL. IT SEEMS ABANDONED, THOUGH. PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE GHO...
...CIRCUMSTANCES.
BUT IF EGGMAN'S CRONIES HAVE THE EMERALD, WHY ARE THEY GOING *DEEPER* UNDERGROUND?
BECAUSE THEY'RE "LOW-LIFES"?


UGH! REALLY, CHARMY?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SKHOW
GET TO HIGH GROUND!
ANYONE SEE WHAT IT IS? EGGMAN? A BADNIK HORDE?
WORSE. OUR COMPETITION.


BARK the POLAR BEAR SILENT BRUISER
NACK the WEASEL FANGED SNIPER
BEAN the DYNAMITE DUCK MAD BOMBER
LOOKIE WHO IT IS! THE *"MORONIX"*! GUEST-STARRING *"CHUCKLES"*!
RUN ALONG NOW--BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS *HURT!*
The HOOLIGANS
DIRTY WORK FOR DIRT CHEAP


PUMPKIN HILL ZONE
GREAT-- THESE BOZOS AGAIN.
THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS ON THE MOVE, AND NOW *THEY'RE* HERE...
THEY MUST'VE TAKEN IT!

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

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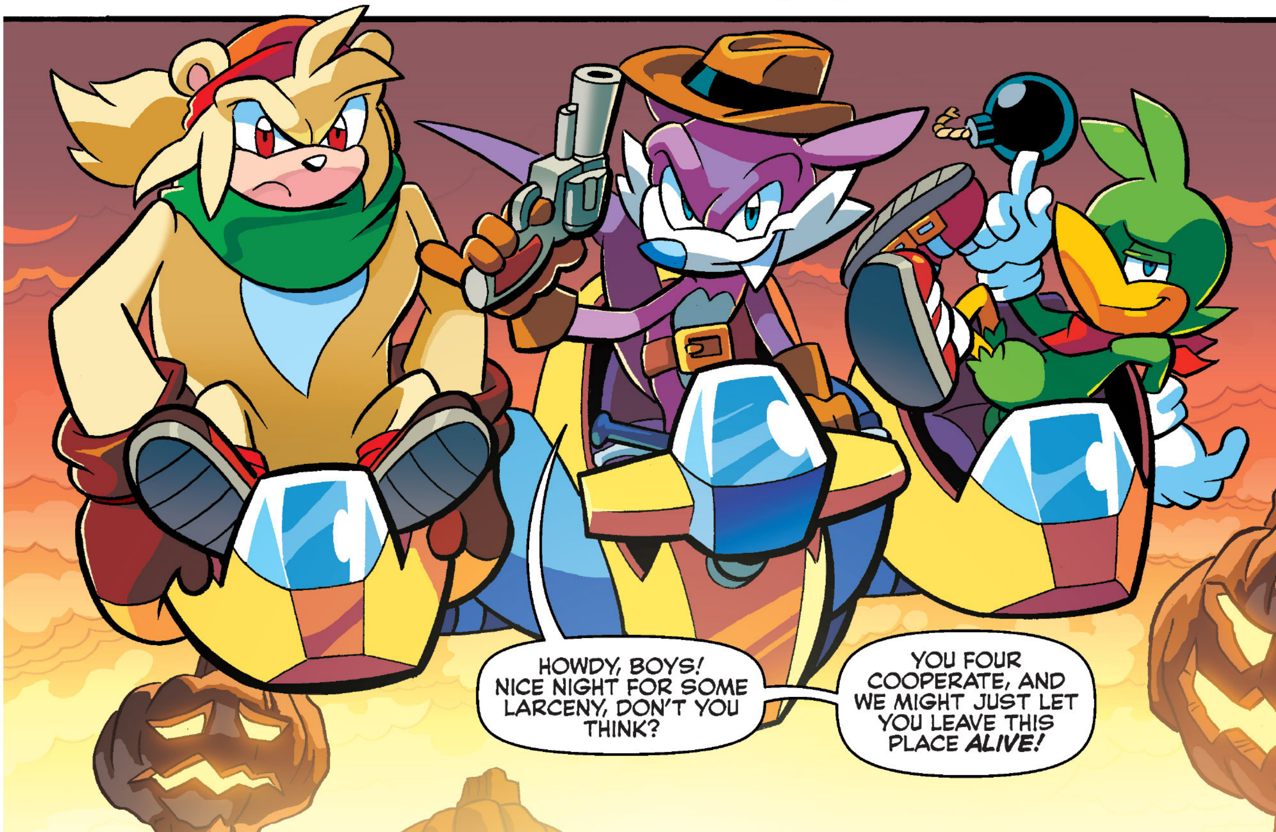
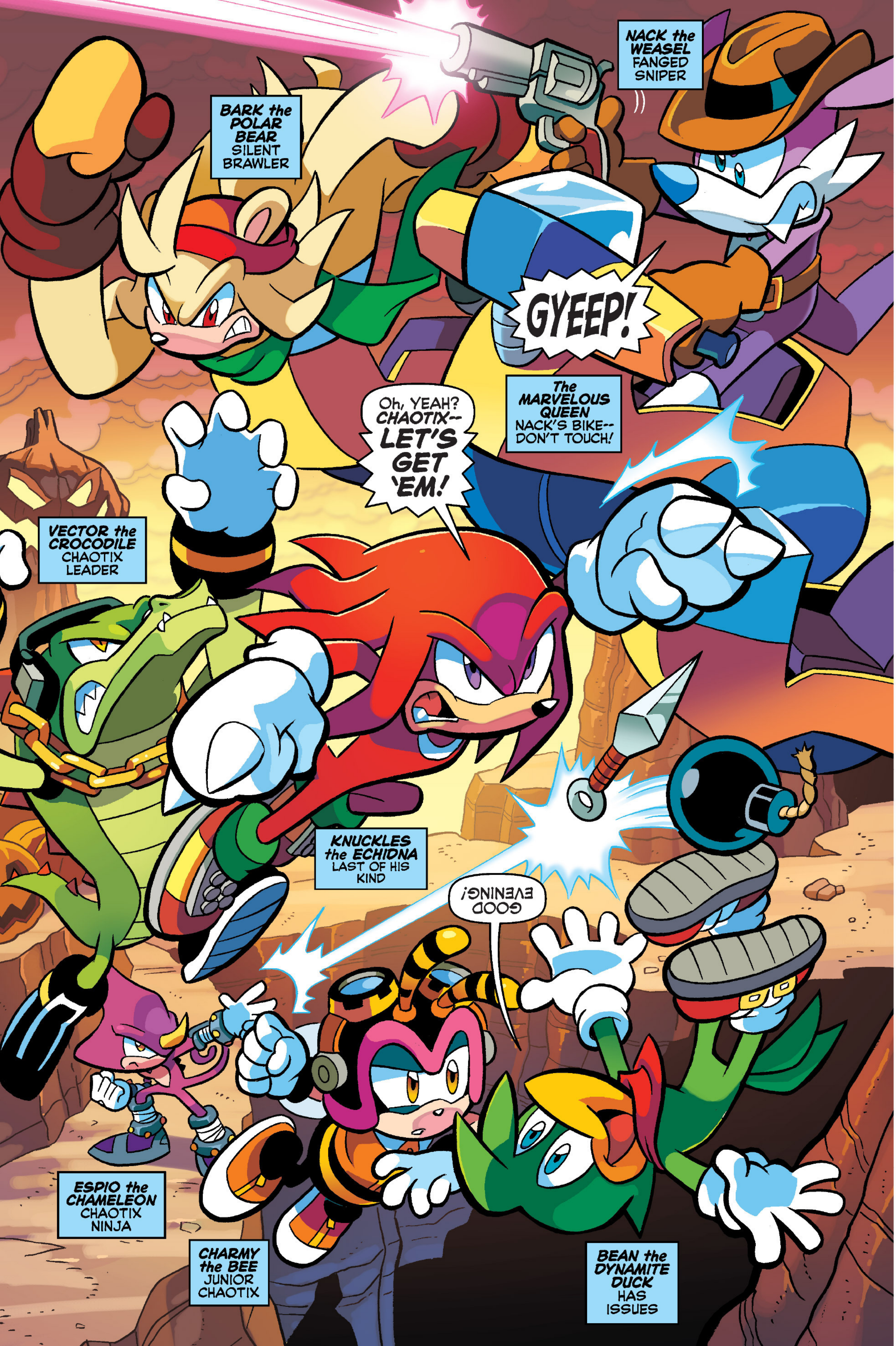
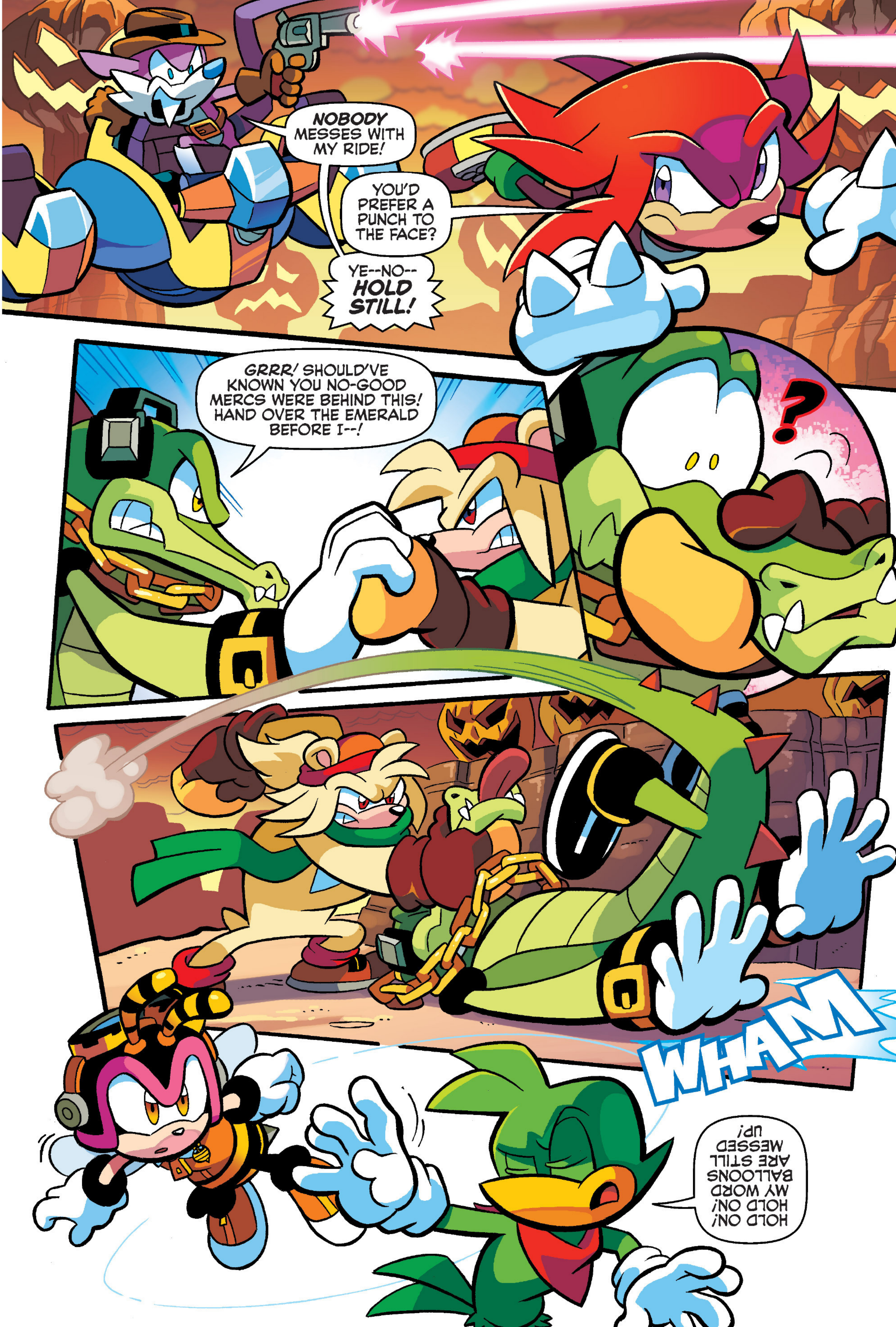
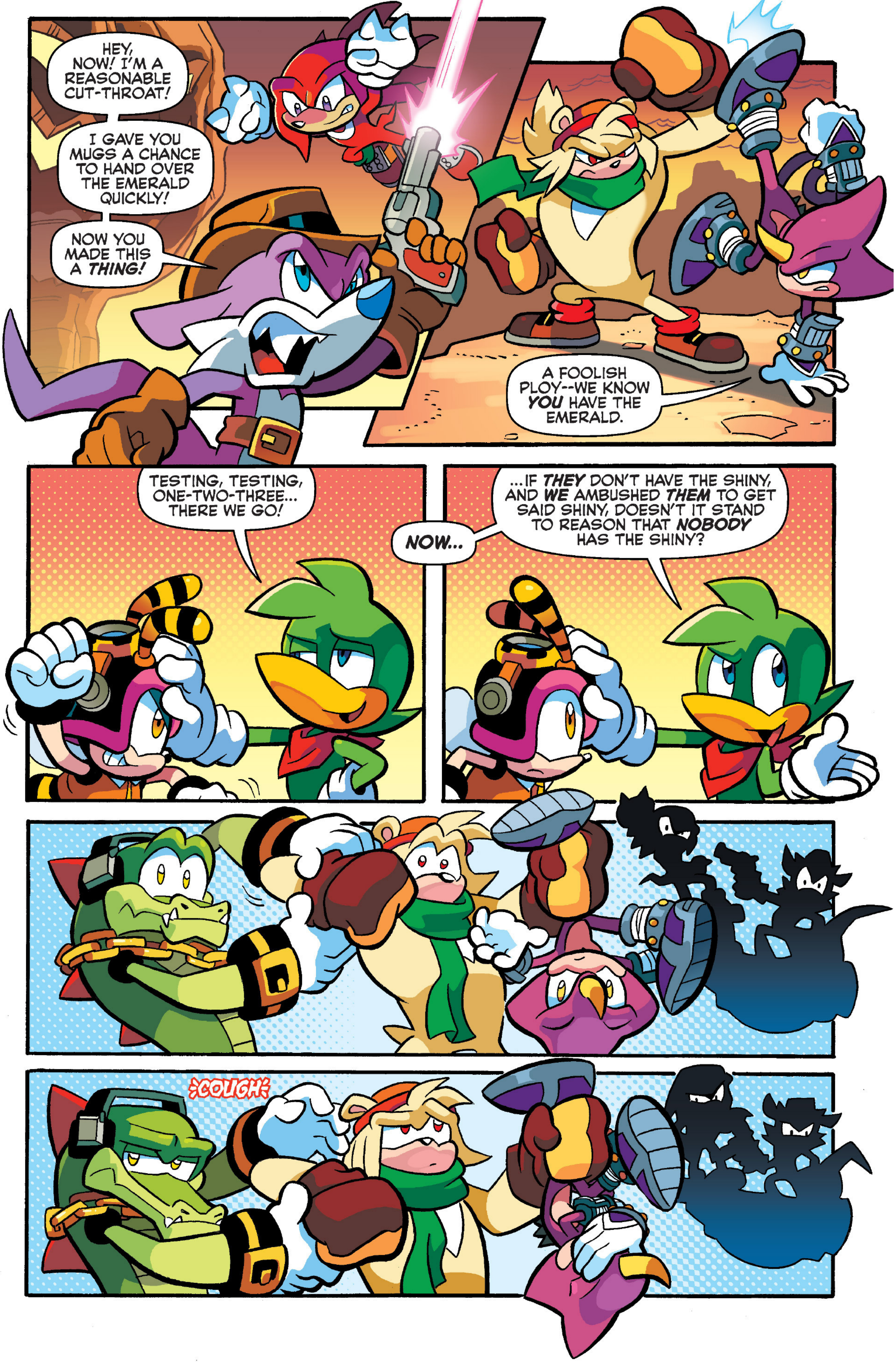
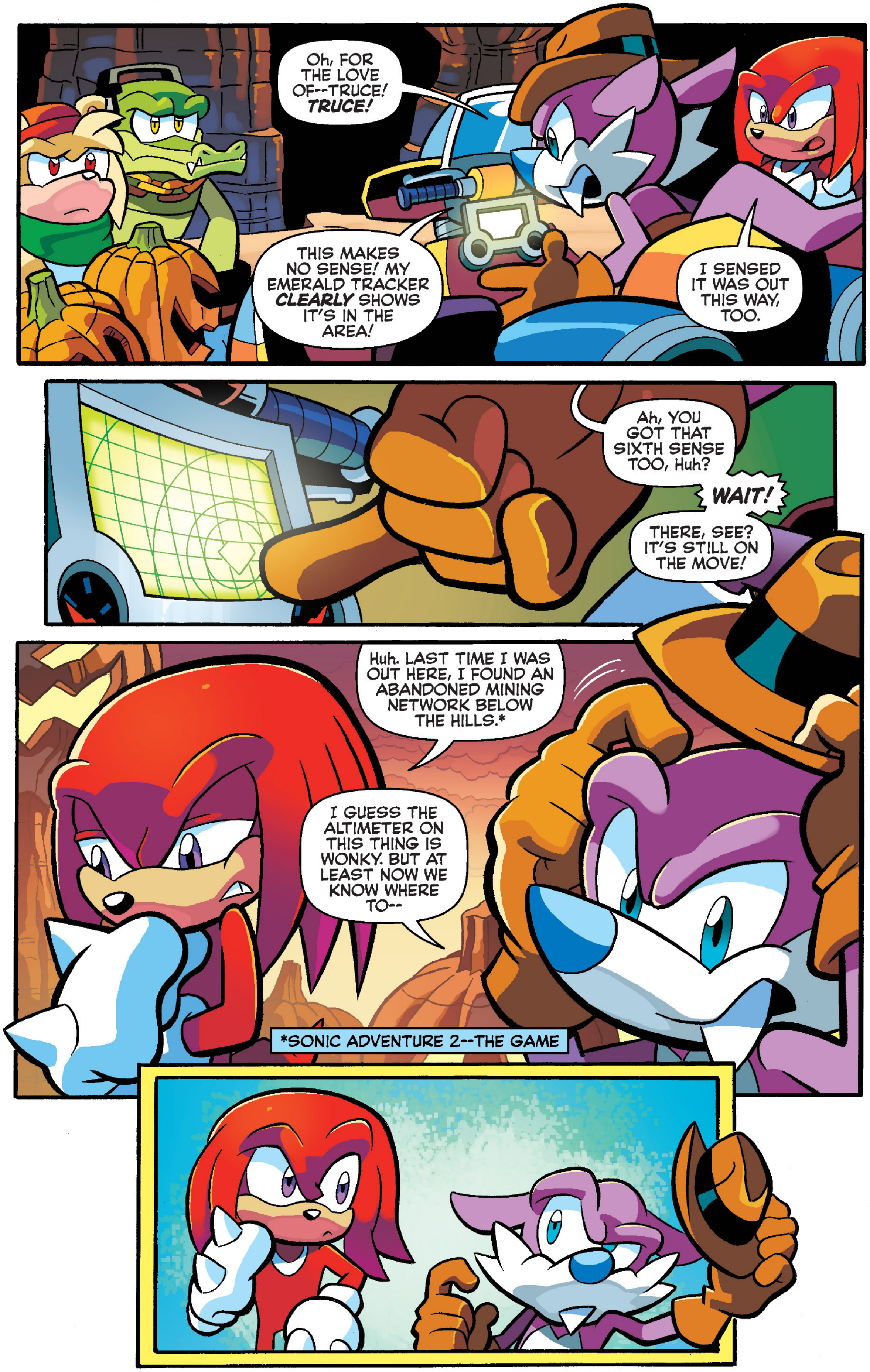
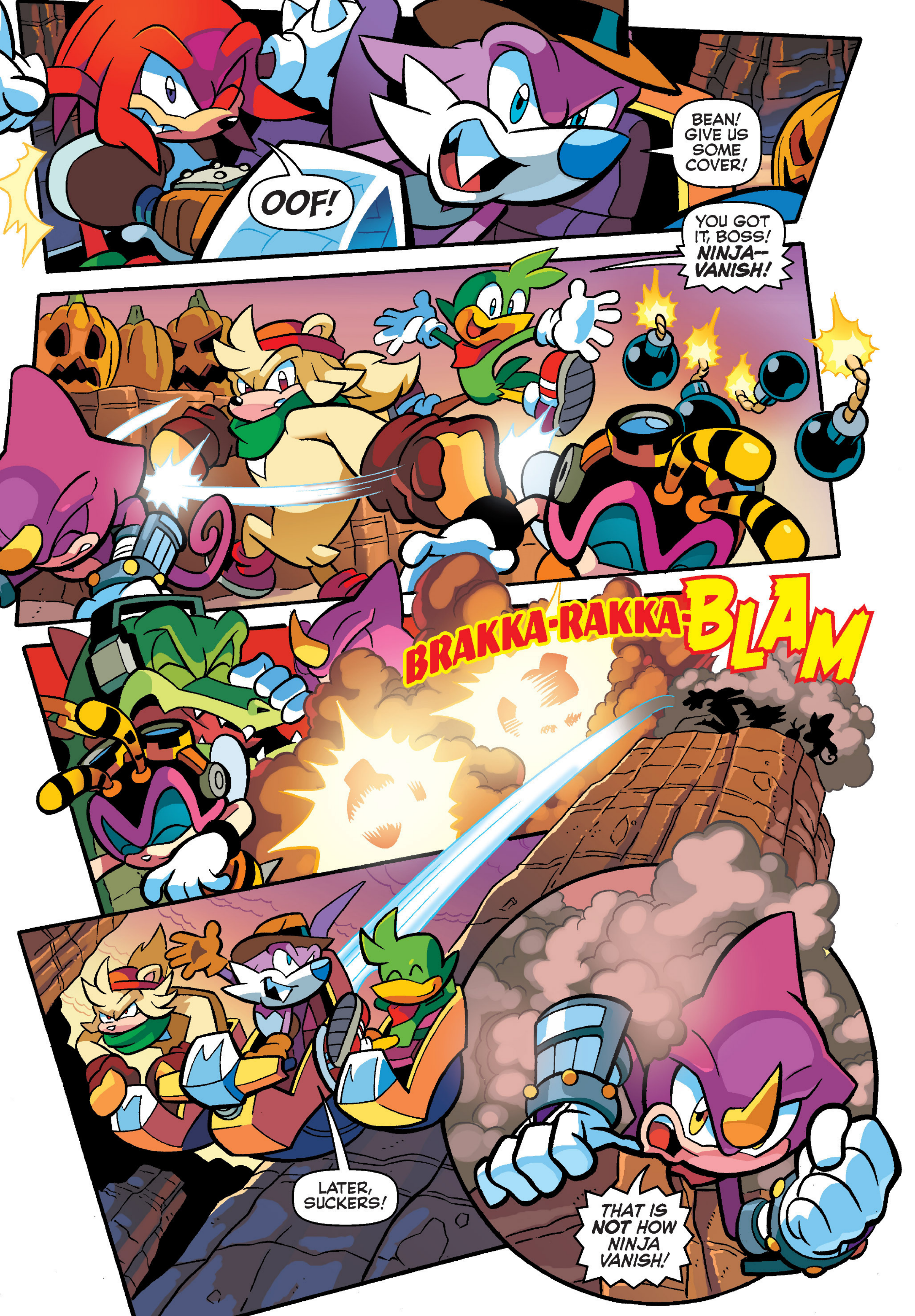

HOWDY, BOYS! NICE NIGHT FOR SOME LARCENY, DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU FOUR COOPERATE, AND WE MIGHT JUST LET YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE *ALIVE!*

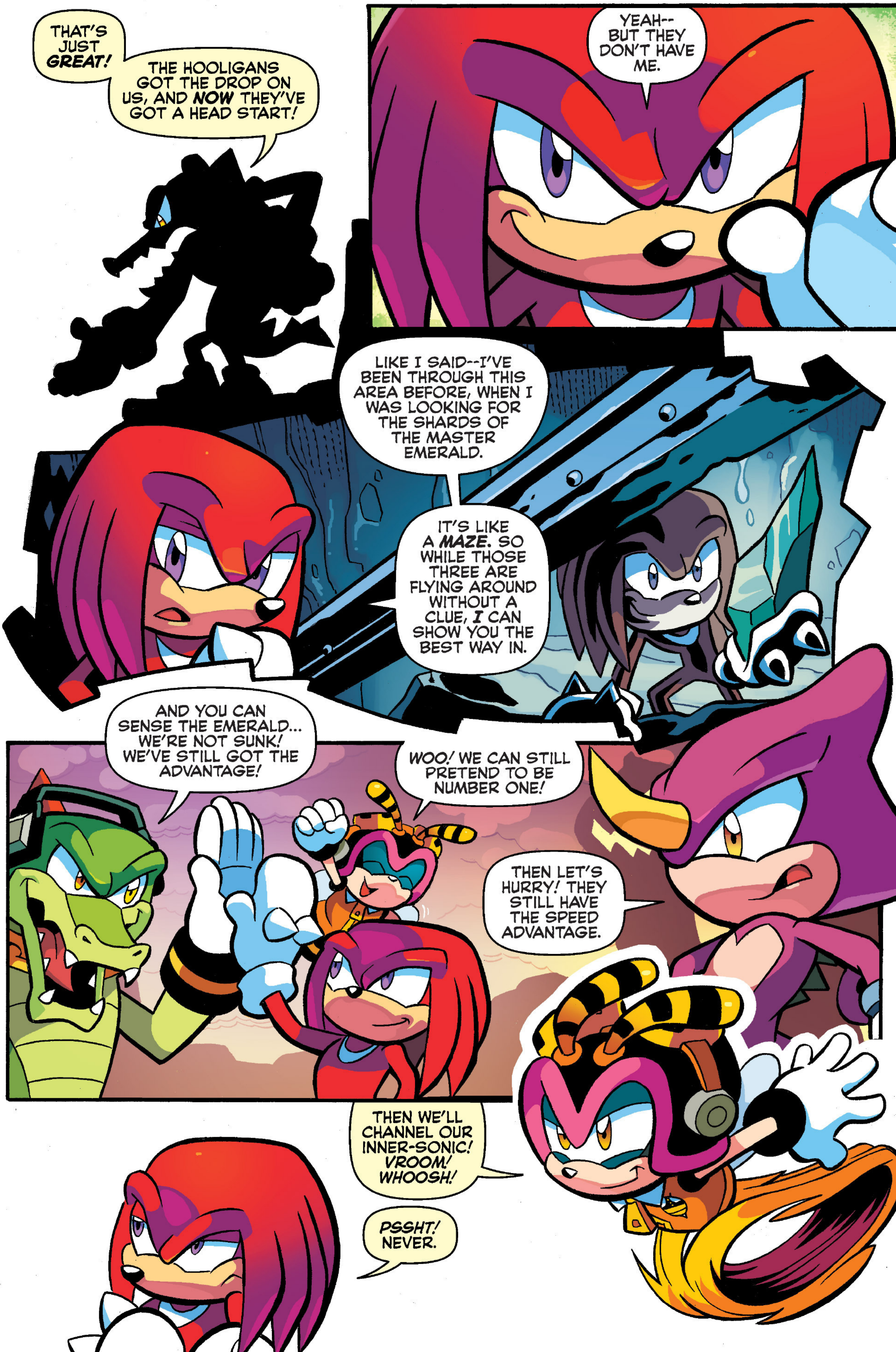

NACK the WEASEL FANGED SNIPER
BARK the POLAR BEAR SILENT BRAWLER
GYEEP!
The MARVELOUS QUEEN NACK'S BIKE-- DON'T TOUCH!
Oh, YEAH? CHAOTIX-- LET'S GET 'EM!
VECTOR the CROCODILE CHAOTIX LEADER
KNUCKLES the ECHIDNA LAST OF HIS KIND
GOOD EVENING!
ESPIO the CHAMELEON CHAOTIX NINJA
CHARMY the BEE JUNIOR CHAOTIX
BEAN the DYNAMITE DUCK HAS ISSUES

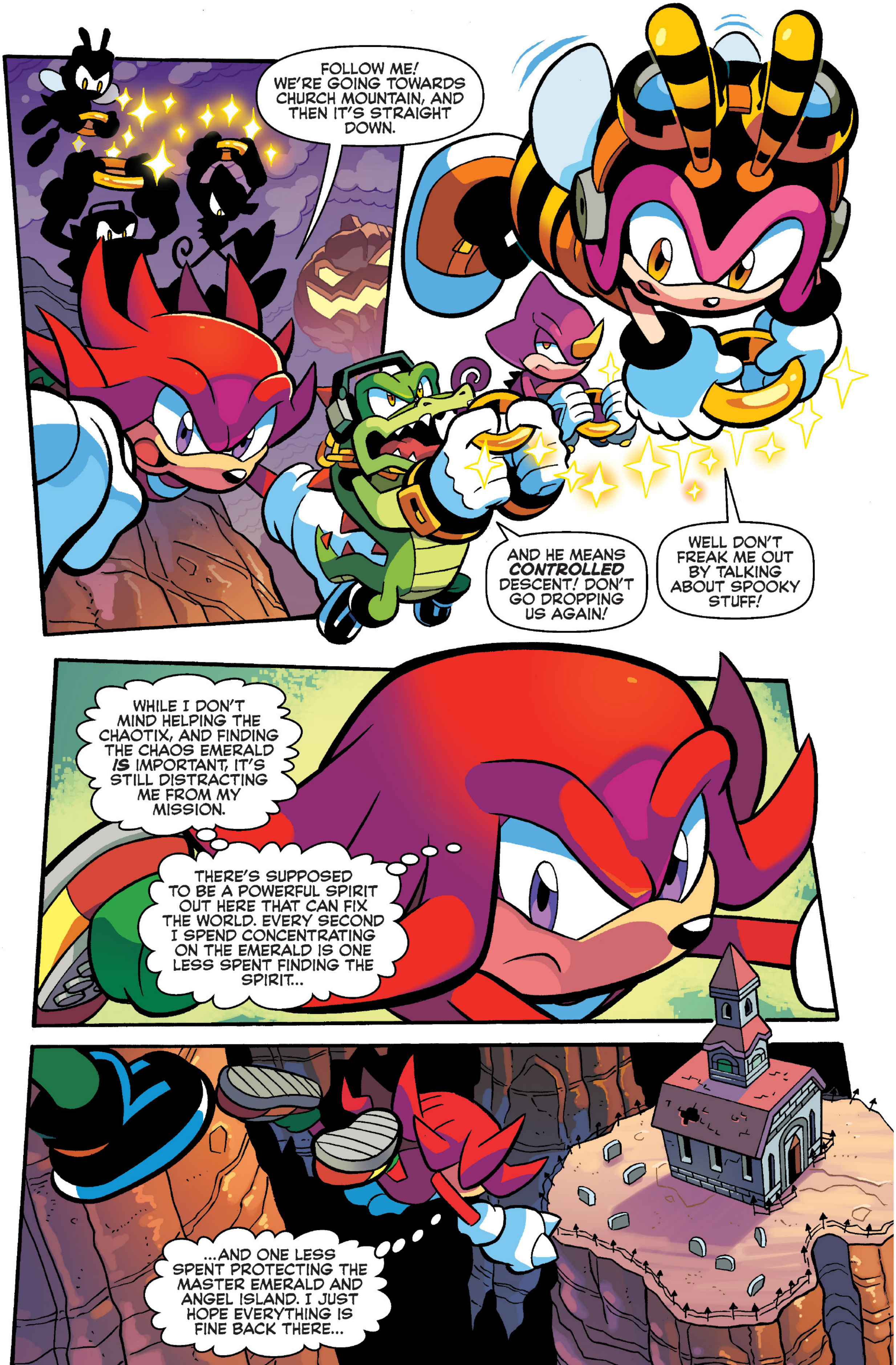

NOBODY MESSES WITH MY RIDE!
YOU'D PREFER A PUNCH TO THE FACE?
YE--NO-- *HOLD STILL!*
GRRR! SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU NO-GOOD MERCS WERE BEHIND THIS! HAND OVER THE EMERALD BEFORE I--!
?
WHAM
HOLD ON! HOLD ON! MY WORD BALLOONS ARE STILL MESSED UP!

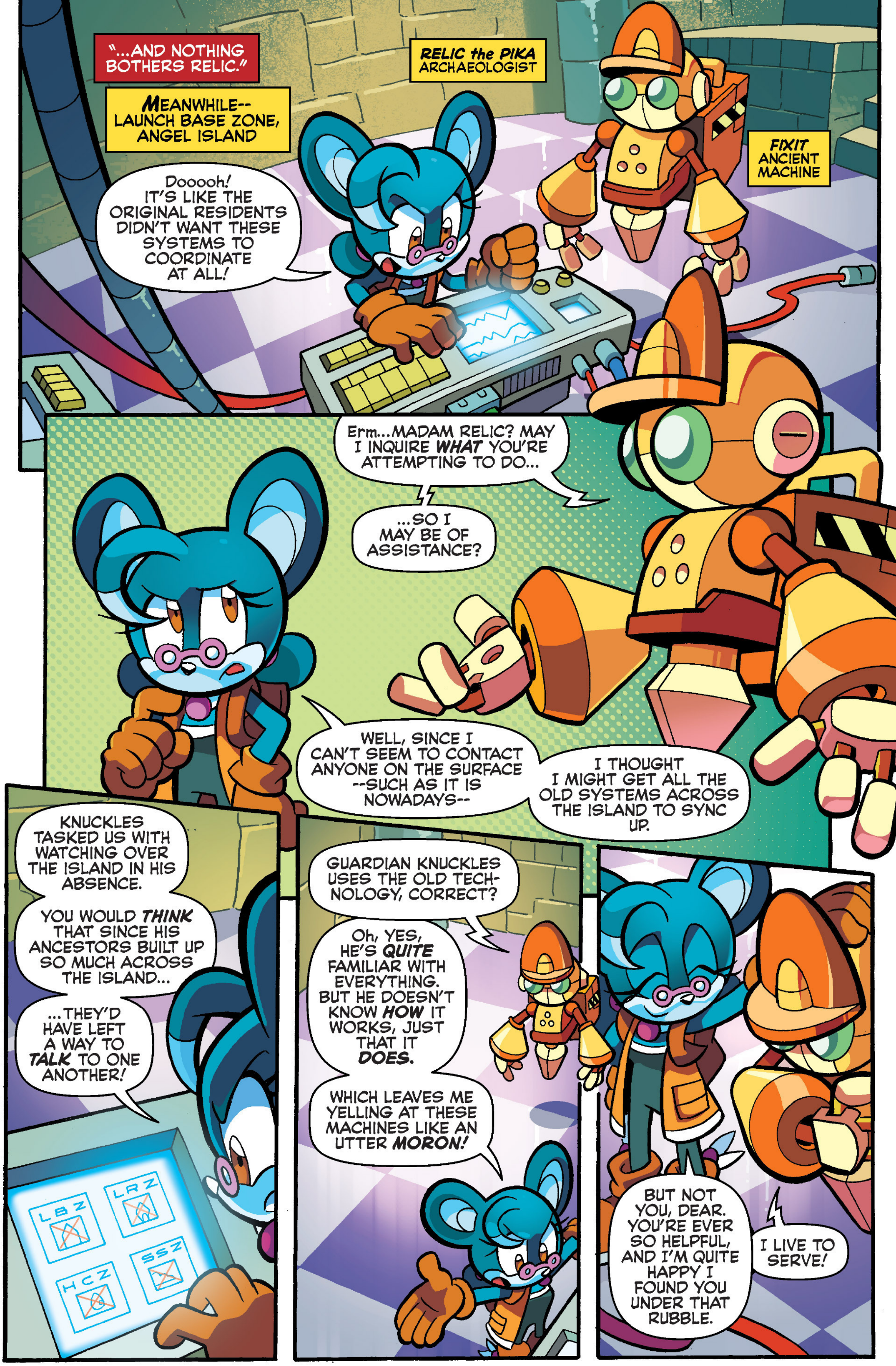

HEY, NOW! I'M A REASONABLE CUT-THROAT!
I GAVE YOU MUGS A CHANCE TO HAND OVER THE EMERALD QUICKLY!
NOW YOU MADE THIS A *THING!*
A FOOLISH PLOY--WE KNOW *YOU* HAVE THE EMERALD.
TESTING, TESTING, ONE-TWO-THREE... THERE WE GO!
NOW...
...IF *THEY* DON'T HAVE THE SHINY, AND *WE* AMBUSHED *THEM* TO GET SAID SHINY, DOESN'T IT STAND TO REASON THAT *NOBODY* HAS THE SHINY?
COUGH

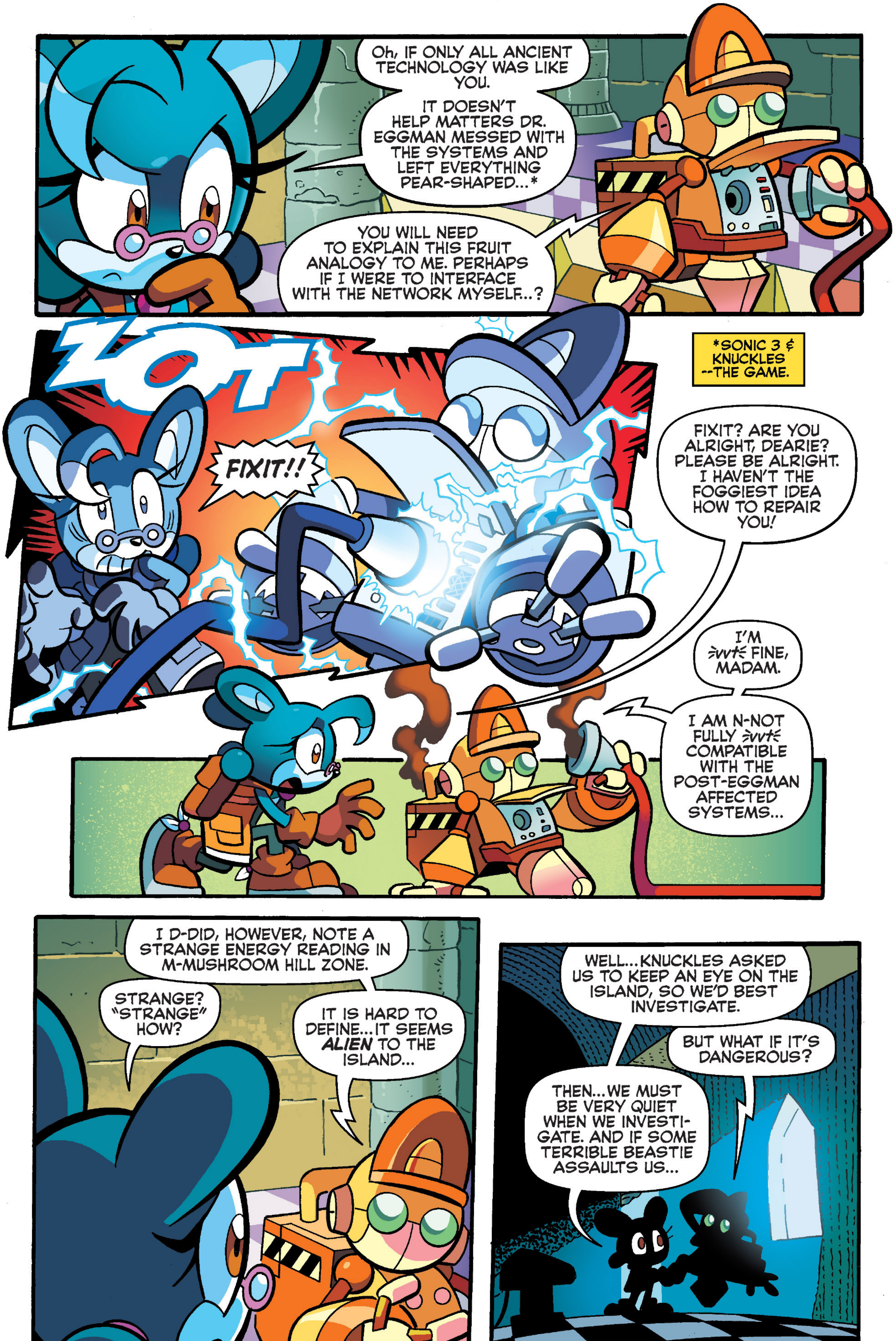

Oh, FOR THE LOVE OF--TRUCE! *TRUCE!*
THIS MAKES NO SENSE! MY EMERALD TRACKER *CLEARLY* SHOWS IT'S IN THE AREA!
I SENSED IT WAS OUT THIS WAY, TOO.
Ah, YOU GOT THAT SIXTH SENSE TOO, Huh?
WAIT!
THERE, SEE? IT'S STILL ON THE MOVE!
Huh. LAST TIME I WAS OUT HERE, I FOUND AN ABANDONED MINING NETWORK BELOW THE HILLS.*
I GUESS THE ALTIMETER ON THIS THING IS WONKY. BUT AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW WHERE TO--
*SONIC ADVENTURE 2--THE GAME

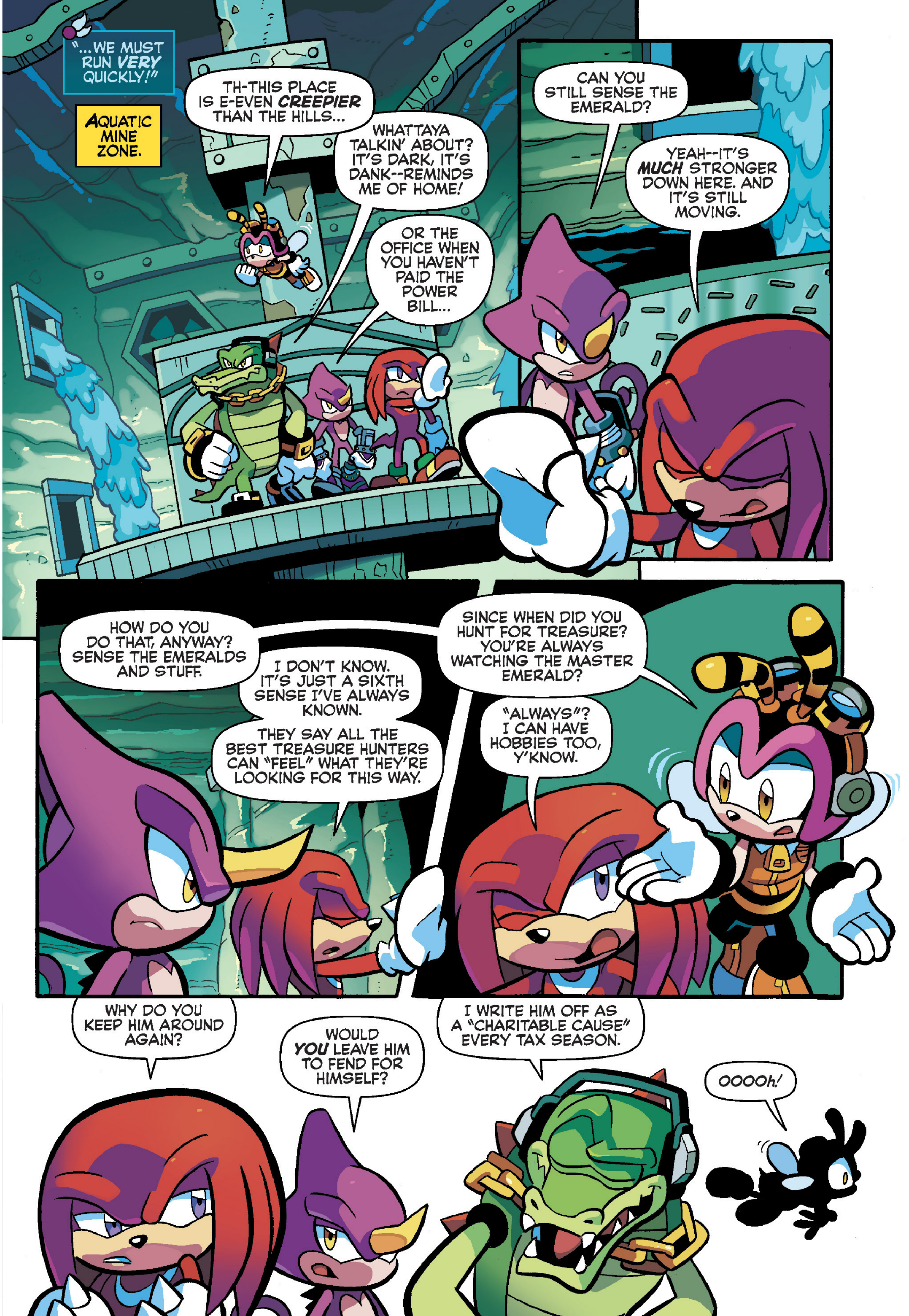

OOF!
BEAN! GIVE US SOME COVER!
YOU GOT IT, BOSS! NINJA-- VANISH!
BRAKKA-RAKKA-BLAM
LATER, SUCKERS!
THAT IS NOT HOW NINJA VANISH!

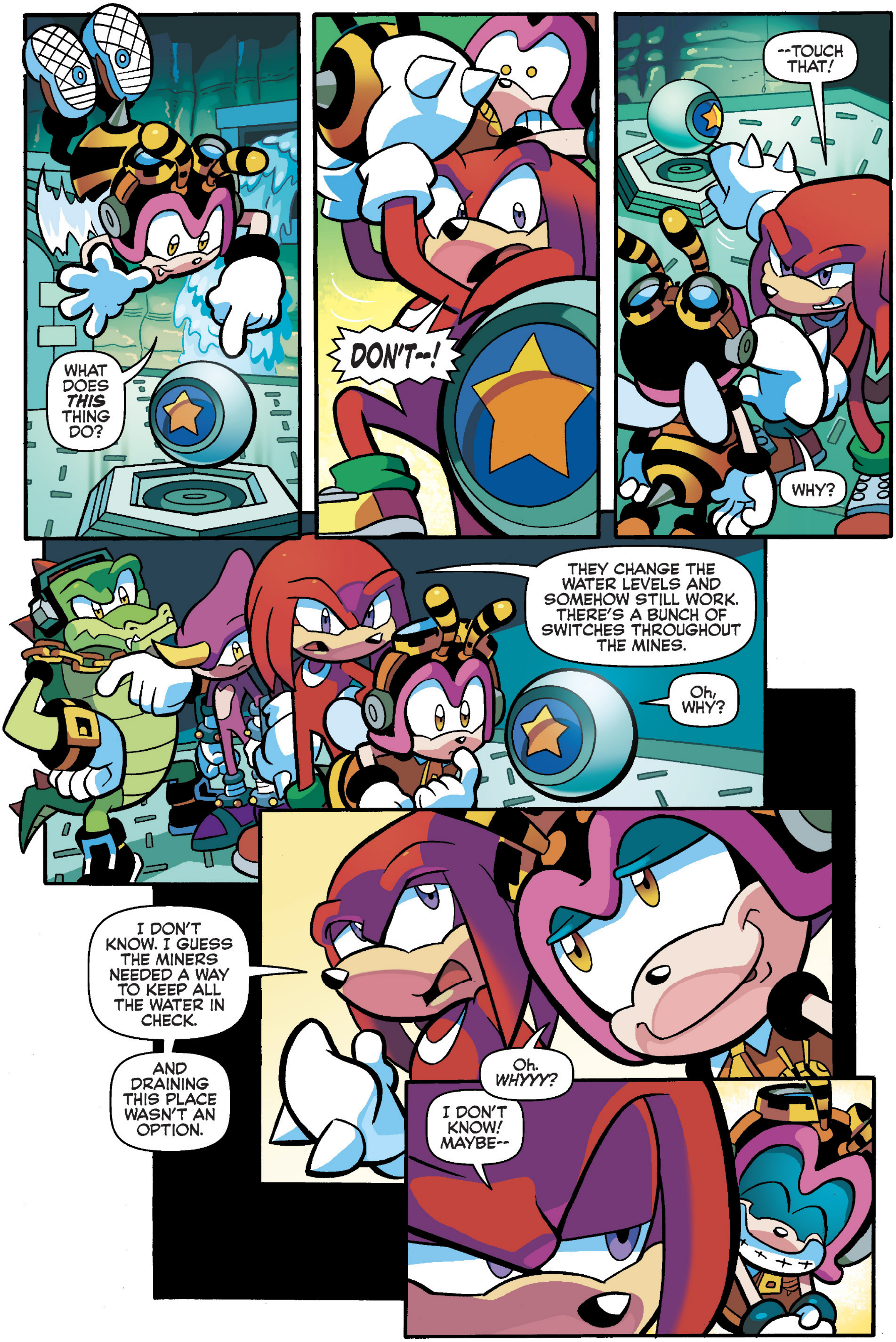

THAT'S JUST **GREAT!**
THE HOOLIGANS GOT THE DROP ON US, AND ***NOW*** THEY'VE GOT A HEAD START!
YEAH-- BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ME.
LIKE I SAID--I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS AREA BEFORE, WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR THE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD.
IT'S LIKE A ***MAZE.*** SO WHILE THOSE THREE ARE FLYING AROUND WITHOUT A CLUE, ***I*** CAN SHOW YOU THE BEST WAY IN.
AND YOU CAN SENSE THE EMERALD... WE'RE NOT SUNK! WE'VE STILL GOT THE ADVANTAGE!
WOO! WE CAN STILL PRETEND TO BE NUMBER ONE!
THEN LET'S HURRY! THEY STILL HAVE THE SPEED ADVANTAGE.
THEN WE'LL CHANNEL OUR INNER-SONIC! *VROOM! WHOOSH!*
PSSHT! NEVER.

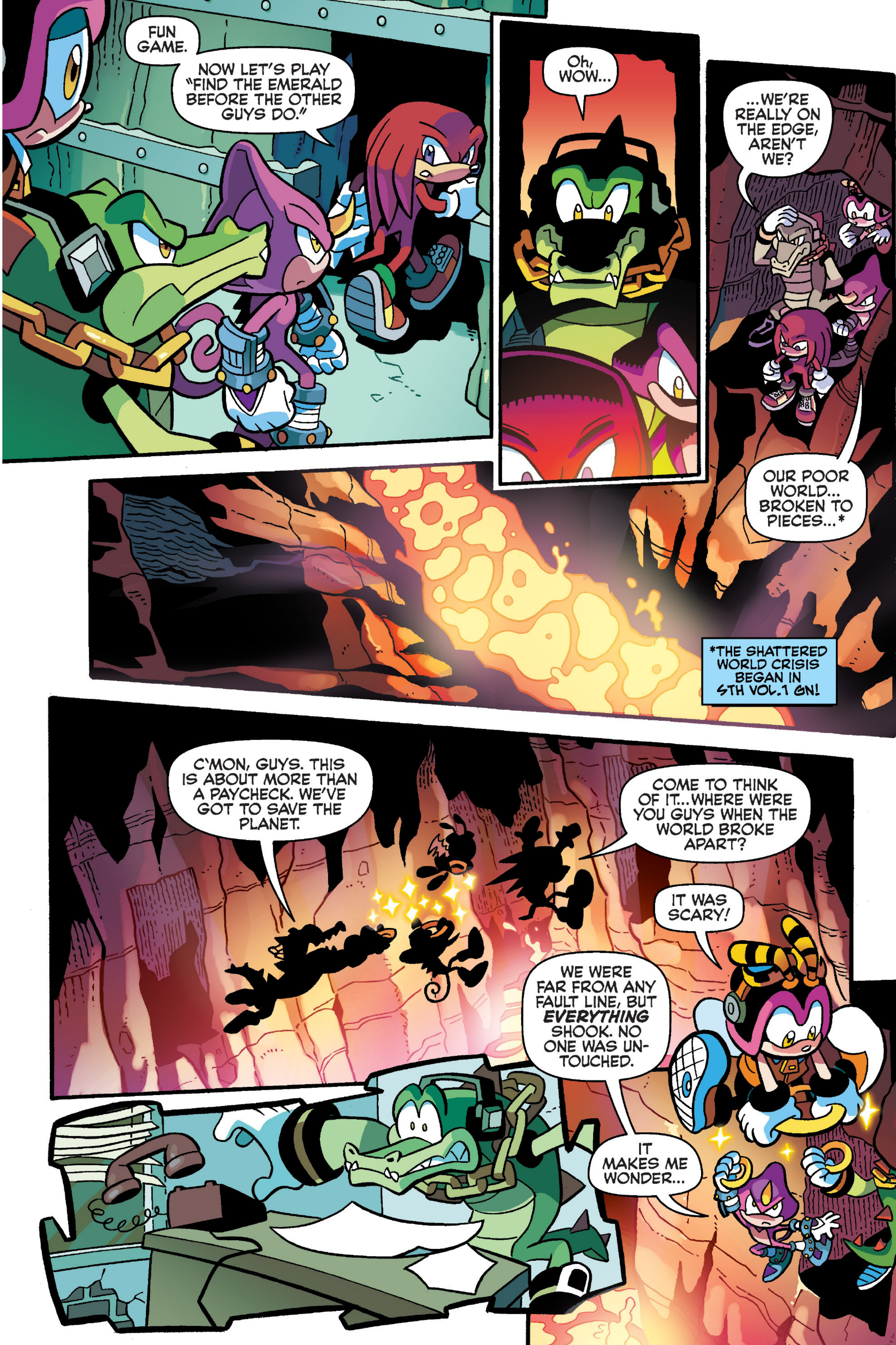

FOLLOW ME! WE'RE GOING TOWARDS CHURCH MOUNTAIN, AND THEN IT'S STRAIGHT DOWN.
AND HE MEANS **CONTROLLED** DESCENT! DON'T GO DROPPING US AGAIN!
WELL DON'T FREAK ME OUT BY TALKING ABOUT SPOOKY STUFF!
WHILE I DON'T MIND HELPING THE CHAOTIX, AND FINDING THE CHAOS EMERALD ***IS*** IMPORTANT, IT'S STILL DISTRACTING ME FROM MY MISSION.
THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A POWERFUL SPIRIT OUT HERE THAT CAN FIX THE WORLD. EVERY SECOND I SPEND CONCENTRATING ON THE EMERALD IS ONE LESS SPENT FINDING THE SPIRIT...
...AND ONE LESS SPENT PROTECTING THE MASTER EMERALD AND ANGEL ISLAND. I JUST HOPE EVERYTHING IS FINE BACK THERE...

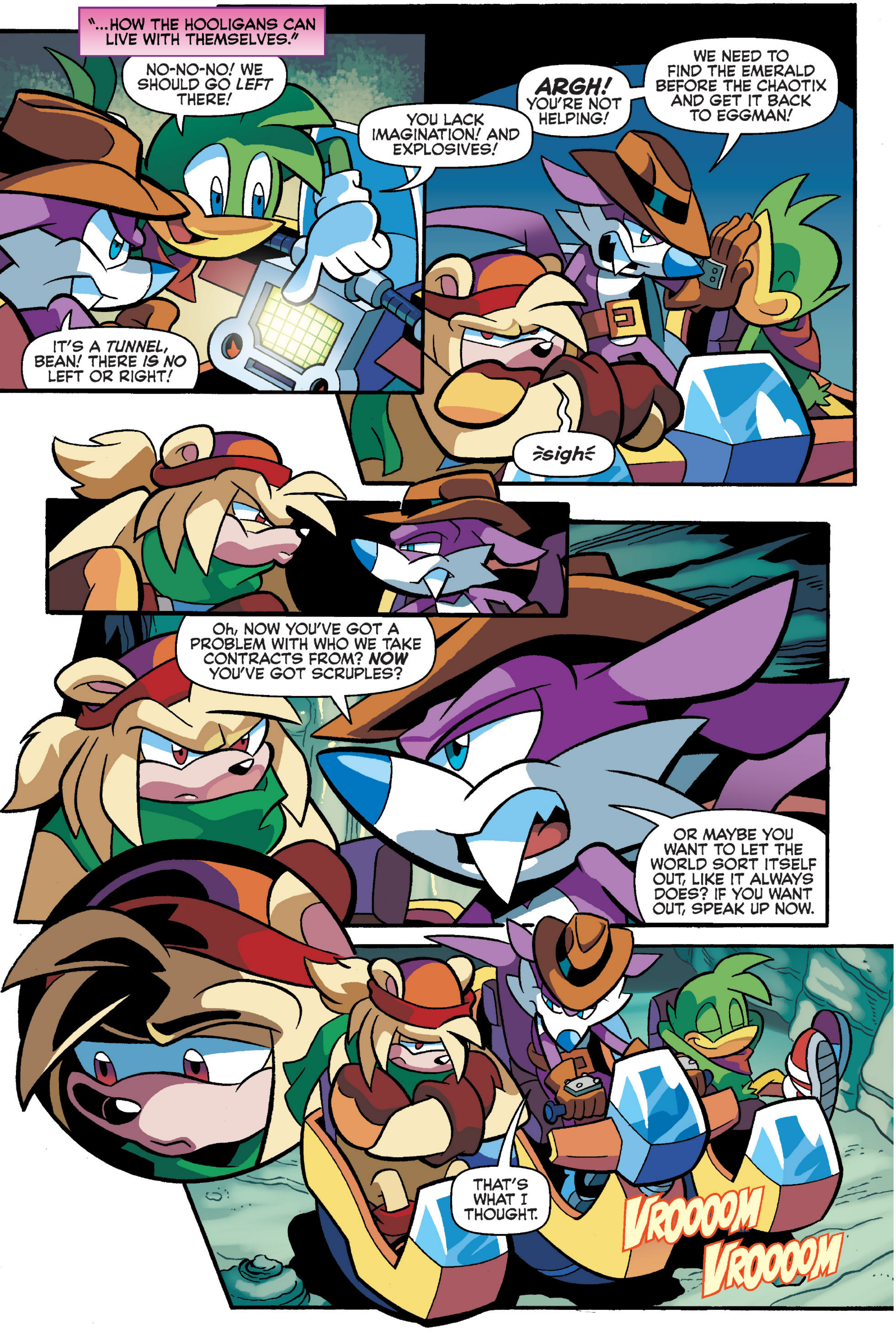

"...AND NOTHING BOTHERS RELIC."
MEANWHILE-- LAUNCH BASE ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND
RELIC the PIKA ARCHAEOLOGIST
FIXIT ANCIENT MACHINE
Doooooh! IT'S LIKE THE ORIGINAL RESIDENTS DIDN'T WANT THESE SYSTEMS TO COORDINATE AT ALL!
Erm...MADAM RELIC? MAY I INQUIRE WHAT YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO...
...SO I MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE?
WELL, SINCE I CAN'T SEEM TO CONTACT ANYONE ON THE SURFACE --SUCH AS IT IS NOWADAYS--
I THOUGHT I MIGHT GET ALL THE OLD SYSTEMS ACROSS THE ISLAND TO SYNC UP.
KNUCKLES TASKED US WITH WATCHING OVER THE ISLAND IN HIS ABSENCE.
YOU WOULD THINK THAT SINCE HIS ANCESTORS BUILT UP SO MUCH ACROSS THE ISLAND...
...THEY'D HAVE LEFT A WAY TO TALK TO ONE ANOTHER!
LBZ
LRZ
HCZ
SSZ
GUARDIAN KNUCKLES USES THE OLD TECHNOLOGY, CORRECT?
Oh, YES, HE'S QUITE FAMILIAR WITH EVERYTHING. BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS, JUST THAT IT DOES.
WHICH LEAVES ME YELLING AT THESE MACHINES LIKE AN UTTER MORON!
BUT NOT YOU, DEAR. YOU'RE EVER SO HELPFUL, AND I'M QUITE HAPPY I FOUND YOU UNDER THAT RUBBLE.
I LIVE TO SERVE!


Oh, IF ONLY ALL ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY WAS LIKE YOU.
IT DOESN'T HELP MATTERS DR. EGGMAN MESSED WITH THE SYSTEMS AND LEFT EVERYTHING PEAR-SHAPED...*
YOU WILL NEED TO EXPLAIN THIS FRUIT ANALOGY TO ME. PERHAPS IF I WERE TO INTERFACE WITH THE NETWORK MYSELF...?
ZOT
FIXIT!!
*SONIC 3 & KNUCKLES --THE GAME.
FIXIT? ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DEARIE? PLEASE BE ALRIGHT. I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST IDEA HOW TO REPAIR YOU!
I'M *vvt* FINE, MADAM.
I AM N-NOT FULLY *vvt* COMPATIBLE WITH THE POST-EGGMAN AFFECTED SYSTEMS...
I D-DID, HOWEVER, NOTE A STRANGE ENERGY READING IN M-MUSHROOM HILL ZONE.
STRANGE? "STRANGE" HOW?
IT IS HARD TO DEFINE...IT SEEMS *ALIEN* TO THE ISLAND...
WELL...KNUCKLES ASKED US TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE ISLAND, SO WE'D BEST INVESTIGATE.
BUT WHAT IF IT'S DANGEROUS?
THEN...WE MUST BE VERY QUIET WHEN WE INVESTIGATE. AND IF SOME TERRIBLE BEASTIE ASSAULTS US...


"...WE MUST RUN *VERY* QUICKLY!"
AQUATIC MINE ZONE.
TH-THIS PLACE IS E-EVEN ***CREEPIER*** THAN THE HILLS...
WHATTAYA TALKIN' ABOUT? IT'S DARK, IT'S DANK--REMINDS ME OF HOME!
OR THE OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVEN'T PAID THE POWER BILL...
CAN YOU STILL SENSE THE EMERALD?
YEAH--IT'S ***MUCH*** STRONGER DOWN HERE. AND IT'S STILL MOVING.
HOW DO YOU DO THAT, ANYWAY? SENSE THE EMERALDS AND STUFF.
I DON'T KNOW. IT'S JUST A SIXTH SENSE I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.
THEY SAY ALL THE BEST TREASURE HUNTERS CAN "FEEL" WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THIS WAY.
SINCE WHEN DID YOU HUNT FOR TREASURE? YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING THE MASTER EMERALD?
"ALWAYS"? I CAN HAVE HOBBIES TOO, Y'KNOW.
WHY DO YOU KEEP HIM AROUND AGAIN?
WOULD ***YOU*** LEAVE HIM TO FEND FOR HIMSELF?
I WRITE HIM OFF AS A "CHARITABLE CAUSE" EVERY TAX SEASON.
OOOOh!


WHAT DOES *THIS* THING DO?
DON'T--!
--TOUCH THAT!
WHY?
THEY CHANGE THE WATER LEVELS AND SOMEHOW STILL WORK. THERE'S A BUNCH OF SWITCHES THROUGHOUT THE MINES.
Oh, WHY?
I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS THE MINERS NEEDED A WAY TO KEEP ALL THE WATER IN CHECK.
AND DRAINING THIS PLACE WASN'T AN OPTION.
Oh. *WHYYYY?*
I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE--


FUN GAME.
NOW LET'S PLAY "FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE THE OTHER GUYS DO."
Oh, WOW...
...WE'RE REALLY ON THE EDGE, AREN'T WE?
OUR POOR WORLD... BROKEN TO PIECES...*
*THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS BEGAN IN STH VOL.1 GN!
C'MON, GUYS. THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN A PAYCHECK. WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE PLANET.
COME TO THINK OF IT...WHERE WERE YOU GUYS WHEN THE WORLD BROKE APART?
IT WAS SCARY!
WE WERE FAR FROM ANY FAULT LINE, BUT *EVERYTHING* SHOOK. NO ONE WAS UNTOUCHED.
IT MAKES ME WONDER...


"...HOW THE HOOLIGANS CAN LIVE WITH THEMSELVES."
NO-NO-NO! WE SHOULD GO *LEFT* THERE!
IT'S A *TUNNEL*, BEAN! THERE *IS* NO LEFT OR RIGHT!
YOU LACK IMAGINATION! AND EXPLOSIVES!
ARGH! YOU'RE NOT HELPING!
WE NEED TO FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE THE CHAOTIX AND GET IT BACK TO EGGMAN!
sigh
Oh, NOW YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH WHO WE TAKE CONTRACTS FROM? ***NOW*** YOU'VE GOT SCRUPLES?
OR MAYBE YOU WANT TO LET THE WORLD SORT ITSELF OUT, LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES? IF YOU WANT OUT, SPEAK UP NOW.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
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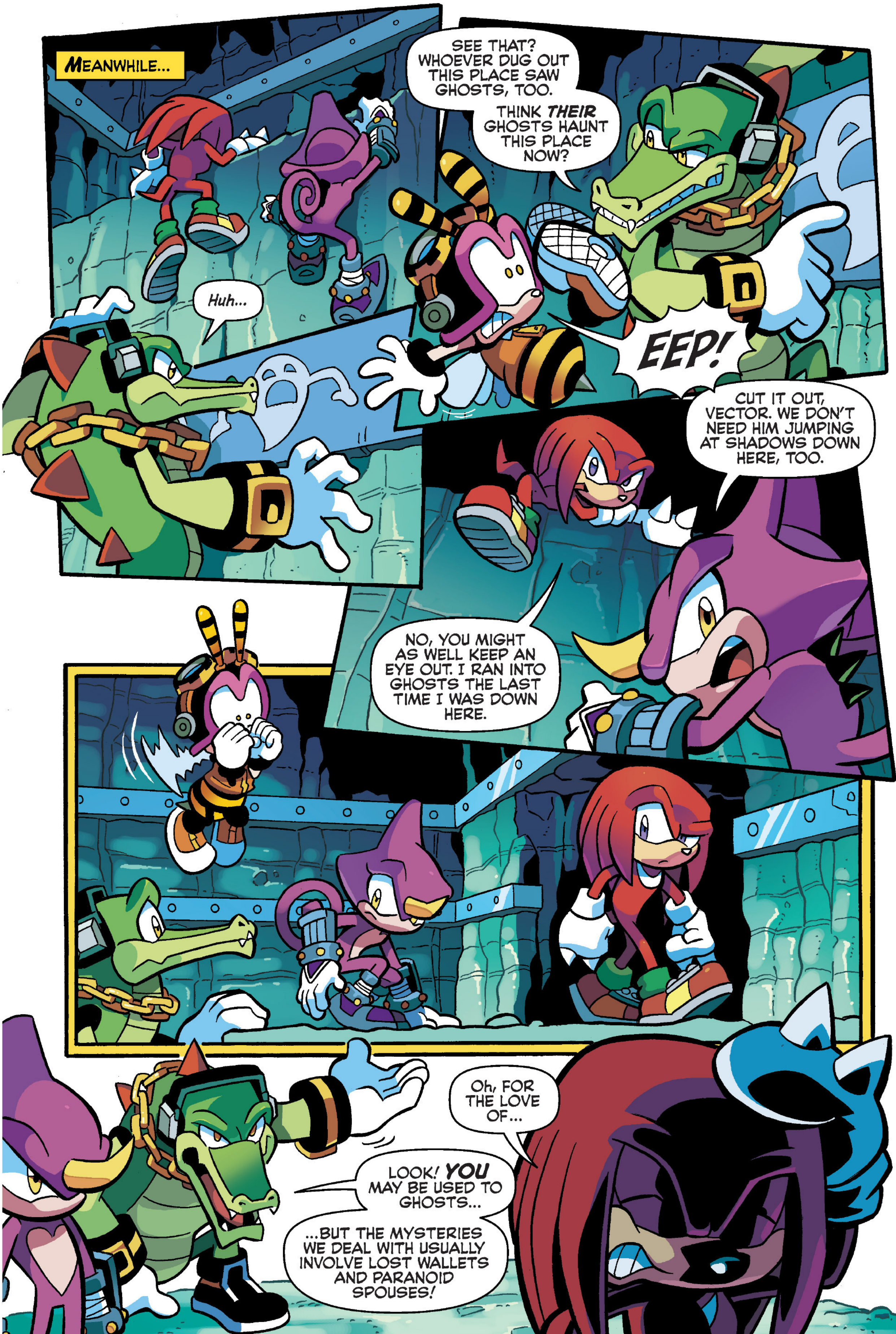
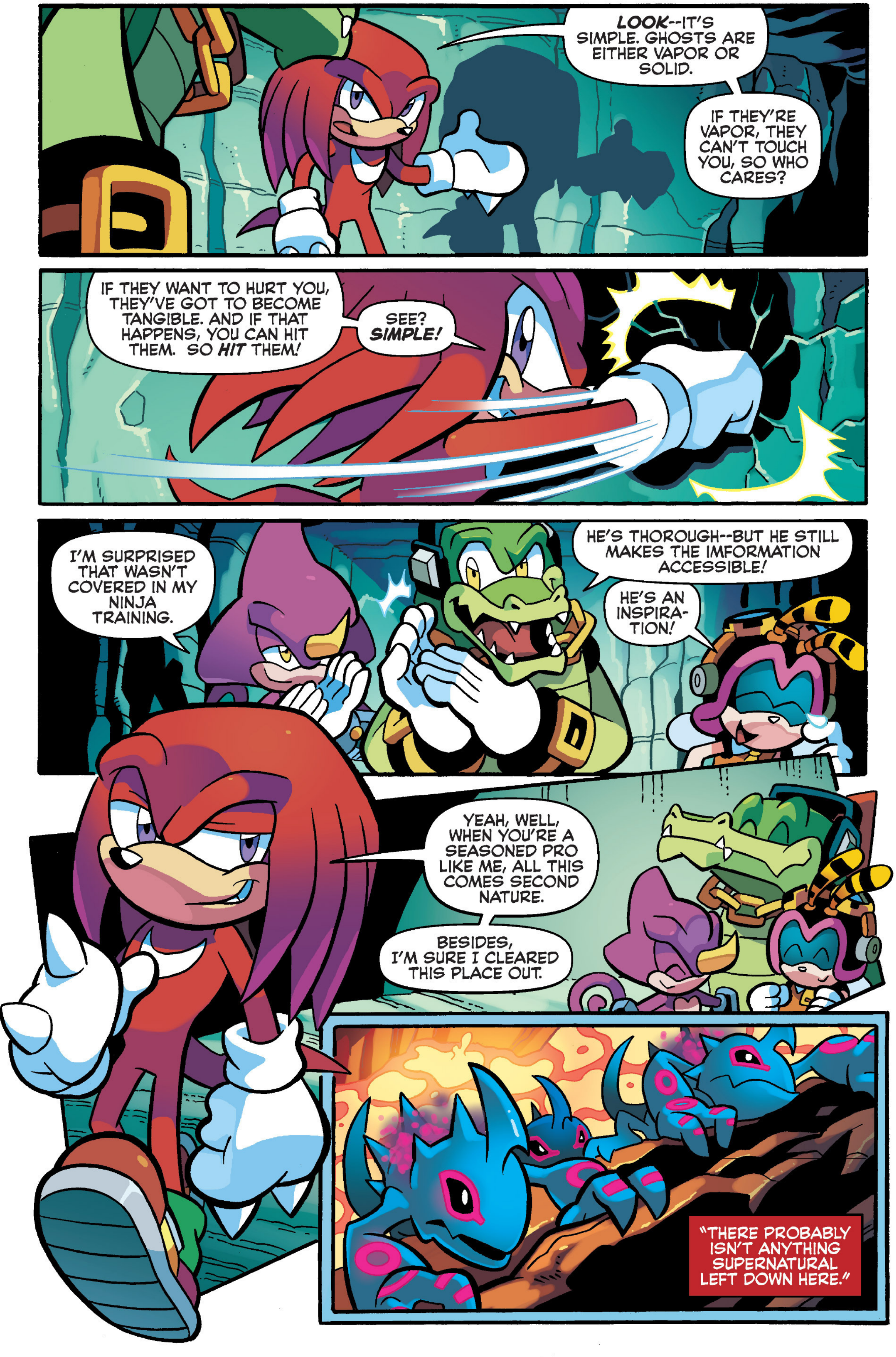
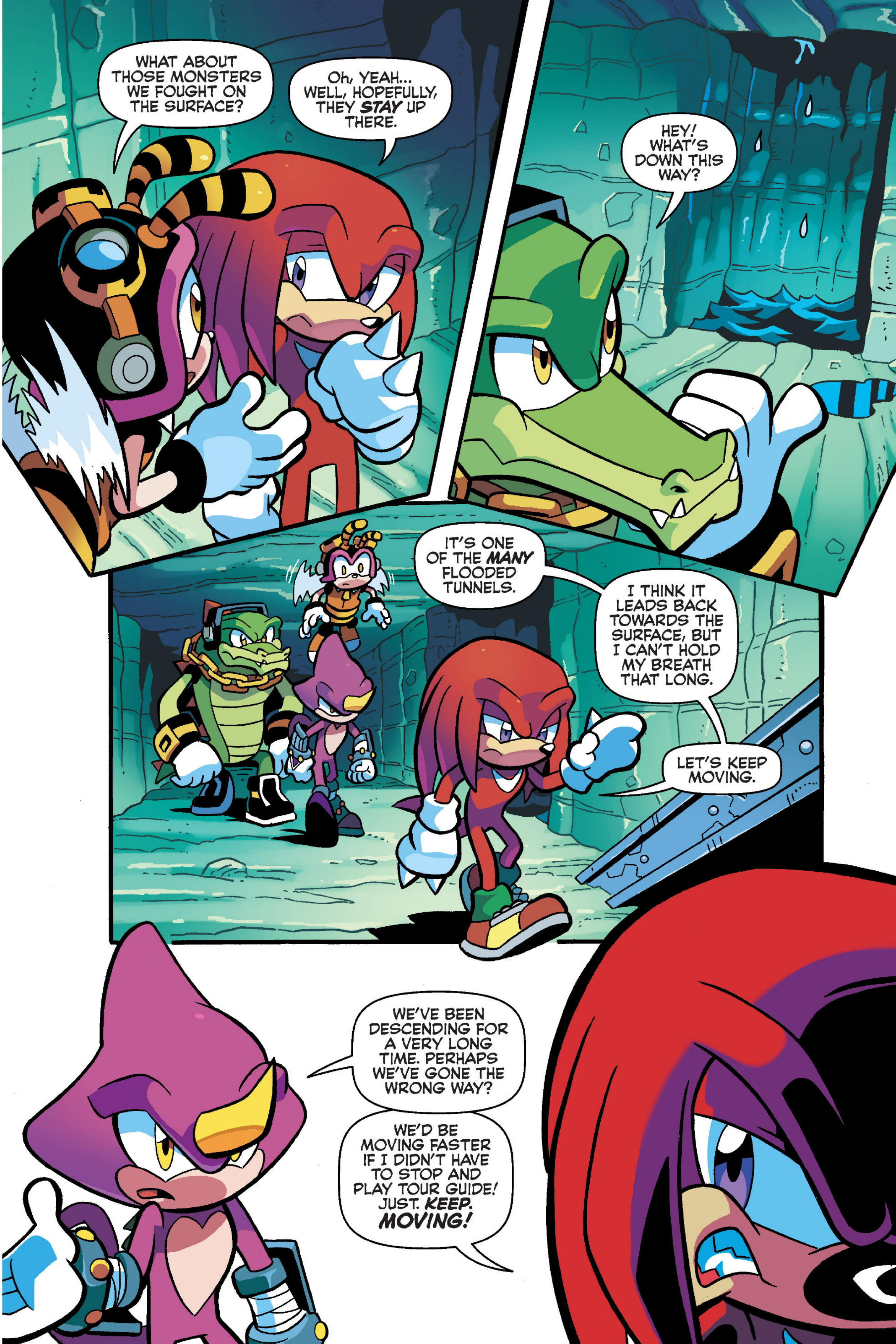
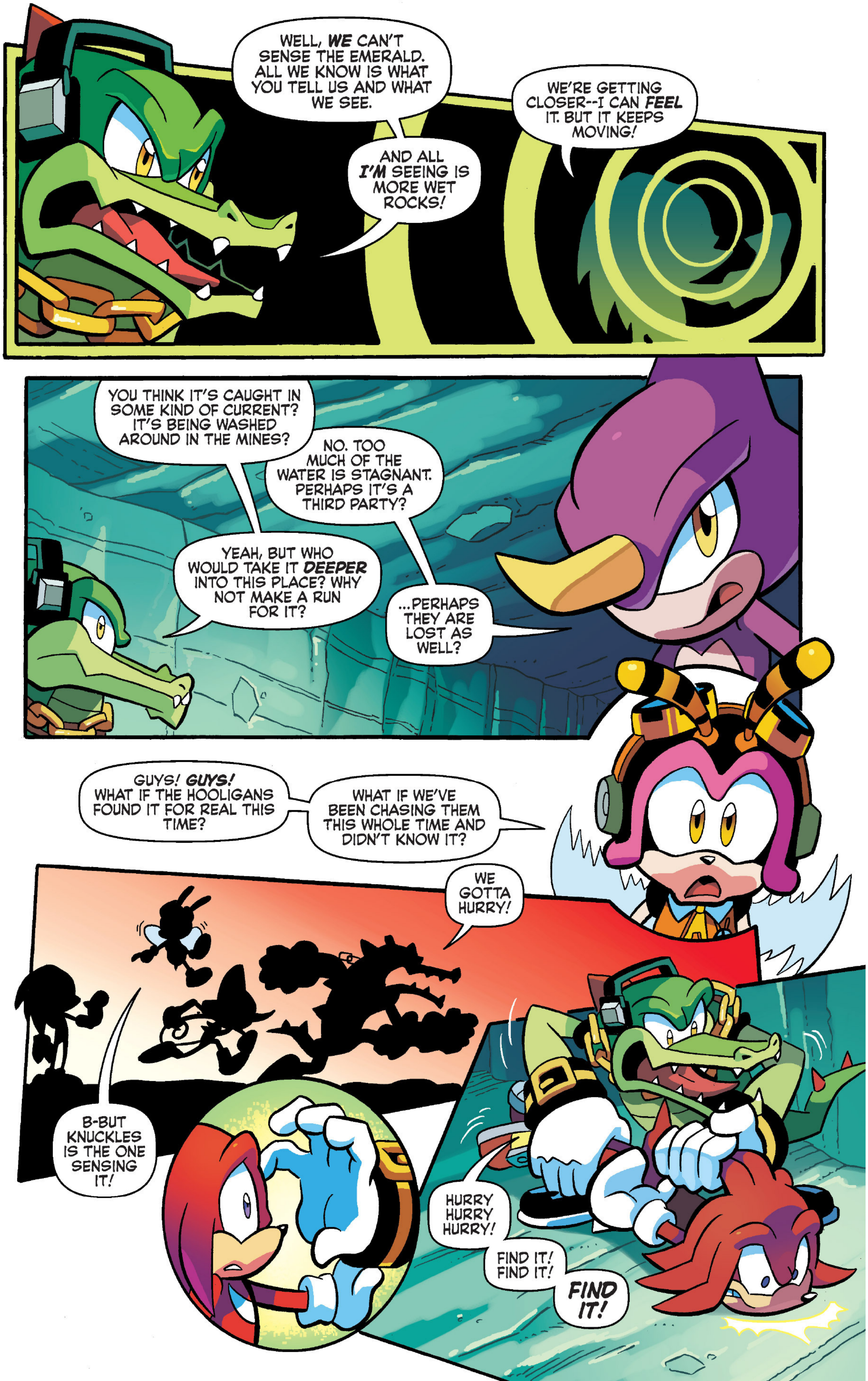
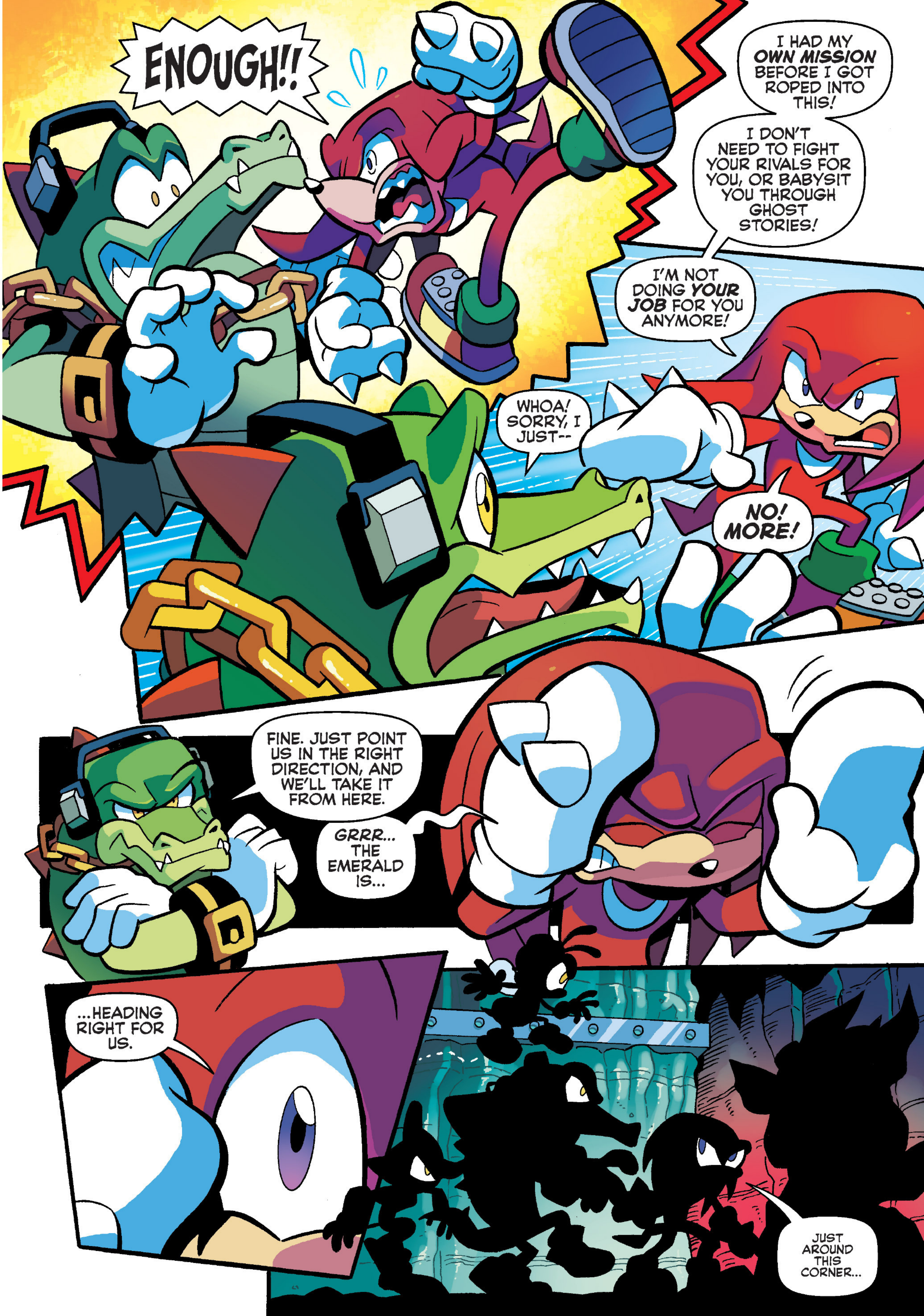
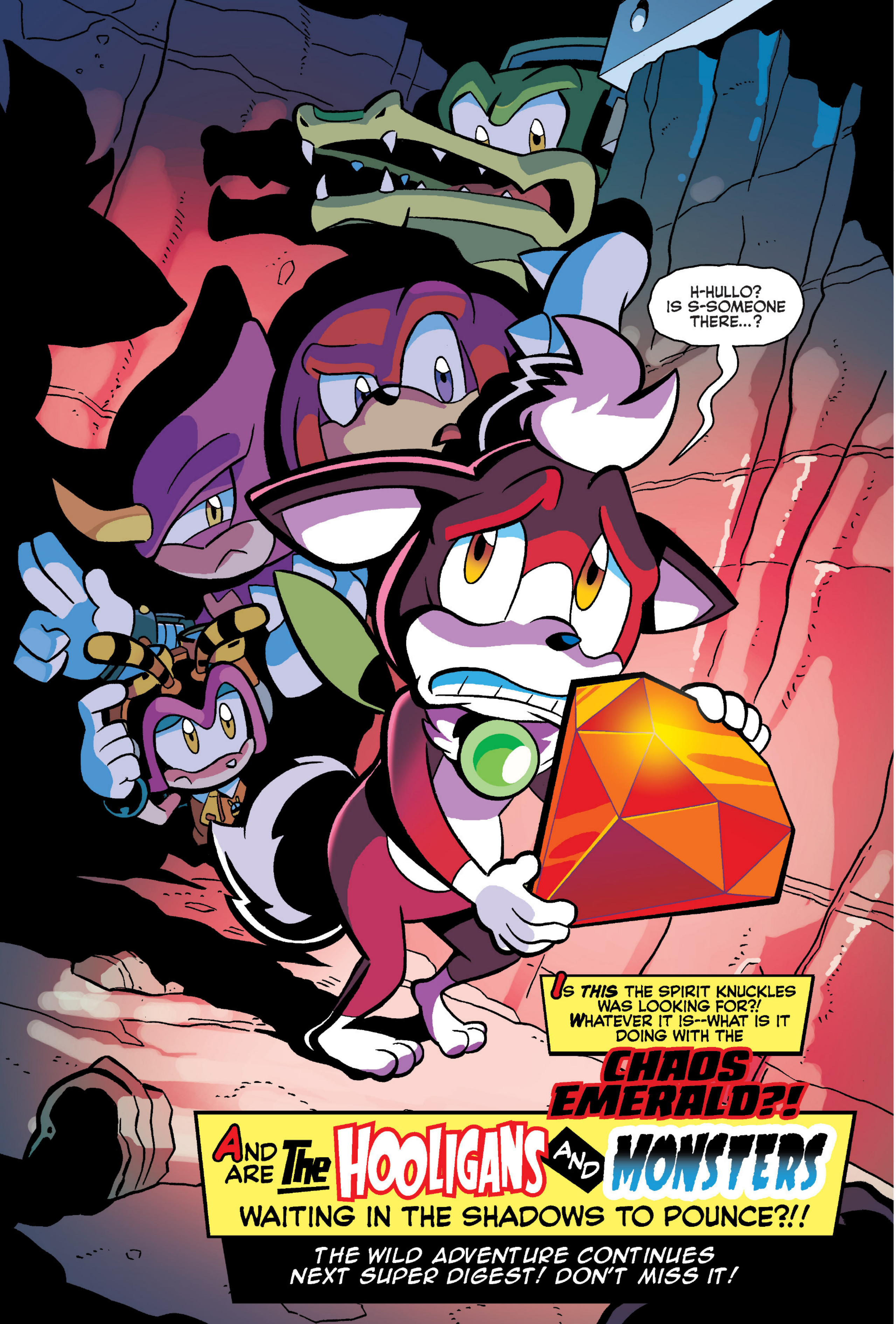

MEANWHILE...
Huh...
SEE THAT? WHOEVER DUG OUT THIS PLACE SAW GHOSTS, TOO.
THINK *THEIR* GHOSTS HAUNT THIS PLACE NOW?
EEP!
CUT IT OUT, VECTOR. WE DON'T NEED HIM JUMPING AT SHADOWS DOWN HERE, TOO.
NO, YOU MIGHT AS WELL KEEP AN EYE OUT. I RAN INTO GHOSTS THE LAST TIME I WAS DOWN HERE.
Oh, FOR THE LOVE OF...
LOOK! *YOU* MAY BE USED TO GHOSTS...
...BUT THE MYSTERIES WE DEAL WITH USUALLY INVOLVE LOST WALLETS AND PARANOID SPOUSES!


LOOK--IT'S SIMPLE. GHOSTS ARE EITHER VAPOR OR SOLID.
IF THEY'RE VAPOR, THEY CAN'T TOUCH YOU, SO WHO CARES?
IF THEY WANT TO HURT YOU, THEY'VE GOT TO BECOME TANGIBLE. AND IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN HIT THEM. SO HIT THEM!
SEE? SIMPLE!
I'M SURPRISED THAT WASN'T COVERED IN MY NINJA TRAINING.
HE'S THOROUGH--BUT HE STILL MAKES THE IMFORMATION ACCESSIBLE!
HE'S AN INSPIRATION!
YEAH, WELL, WHEN YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO LIKE ME, ALL THIS COMES SECOND NATURE.
BESIDES, I'M SURE I CLEARED THIS PLACE OUT.
"THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANYTHING SUPERNATURAL LEFT DOWN HERE."


WHAT ABOUT THOSE MONSTERS WE FOUGHT ON THE SURFACE?
Oh, YEAH... WELL, HOPEFULLY, THEY *STAY* UP THERE.
HEY! WHAT'S DOWN THIS WAY?
IT'S ONE OF THE *MANY* FLOODED TUNNELS.
I THINK IT LEADS BACK TOWARDS THE SURFACE, BUT I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH THAT LONG.
LET'S KEEP MOVING.
WE'VE BEEN DESCENDING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. PERHAPS WE'VE GONE THE WRONG WAY?
WE'D BE MOVING FASTER IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP AND PLAY TOUR GUIDE! JUST. *KEEP. MOVING!*


WELL, *WE* CAN'T SENSE THE EMERALD. ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT YOU TELL US AND WHAT WE SEE.
AND ALL *I'M* SEEING IS MORE WET ROCKS!
WE'RE GETTING CLOSER--I CAN *FEEL* IT. BUT IT KEEPS MOVING!
YOU THINK IT'S CAUGHT IN SOME KIND OF CURRENT? IT'S BEING WASHED AROUND IN THE MINES?
NO. TOO MUCH OF THE WATER IS STAGNANT. PERHAPS IT'S A THIRD PARTY?
YEAH, BUT WHO WOULD TAKE IT *DEEPER* INTO THIS PLACE? WHY NOT MAKE A RUN FOR IT?
...PERHAPS THEY ARE LOST AS WELL?
GUYS! *GUYS!* WHAT IF THE HOOLIGANS FOUND IT FOR REAL THIS TIME?
WHAT IF WE'VE BEEN CHASING THEM THIS WHOLE TIME AND DIDN'T KNOW IT?
WE GOTTA HURRY!
B-BUT KNUCKLES IS THE ONE SENSING IT!
HURRY HURRY HURRY!
FIND IT! FIND IT!
FIND IT!


ENOUGH!!
I HAD MY OWN MISSION BEFORE I GOT ROPED INTO THIS!
I DON'T NEED TO FIGHT YOUR RIVALS FOR YOU, OR BABYSIT YOU THROUGH GHOST STORIES!
I'M NOT DOING YOUR JOB FOR YOU ANYMORE!
WHOA! SORRY, I JUST--
NO! MORE!
FINE. JUST POINT US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
GRRR... THE EMERALD IS...
...HEADING RIGHT FOR US.
JUST AROUND THIS CORNER...


H-HULLO? IS S-SOMEONE THERE...?
IS THIS THE SPIRIT KNUCKLES WAS LOOKING FOR?! WHATEVER IT IS--WHAT IS IT DOING WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD?!
AND ARE THE HOOLIGANS AND MONSTERS WAITING IN THE SHADOWS TO POUNCE?!!
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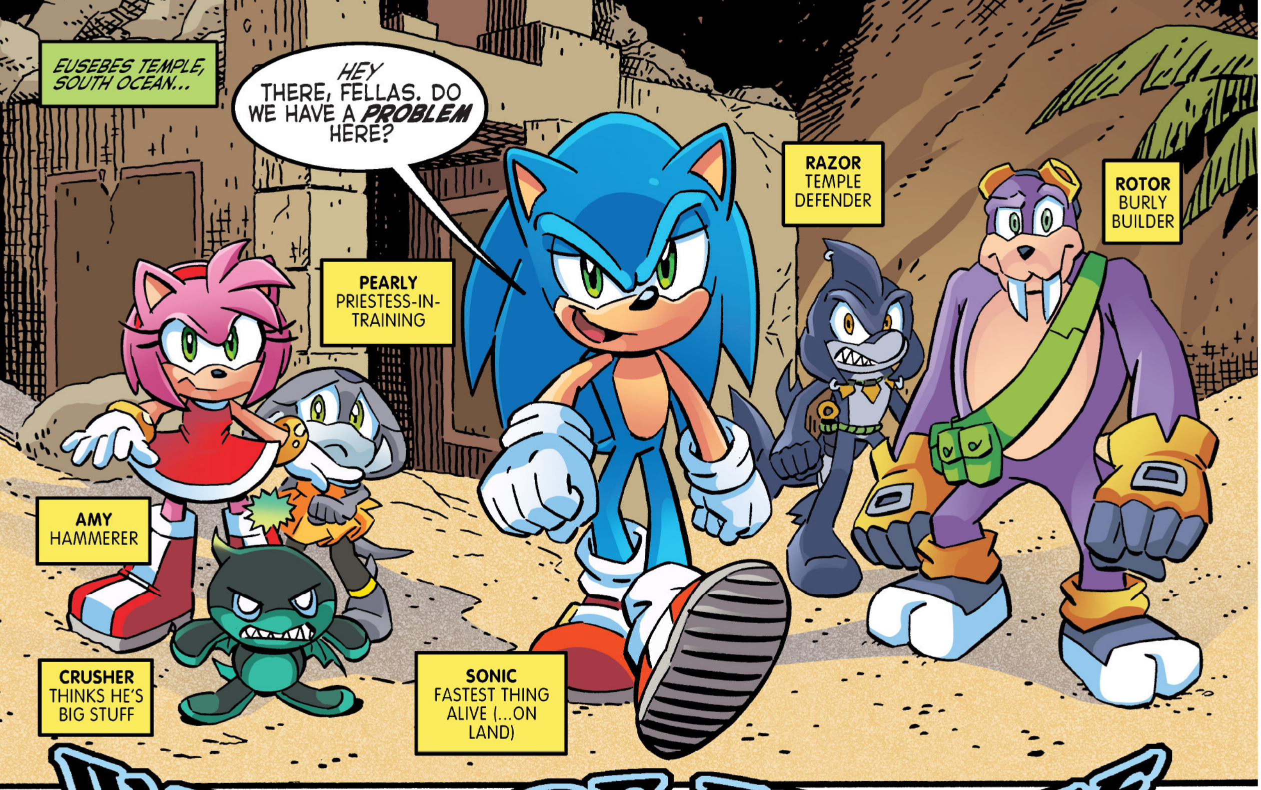
EUSEBES TEMPLE, SOUTH OCEAN...
HEY THERE, FELLAS. DO WE HAVE A *PROBLEM* HERE?
RAZOR TEMPLE DEFENDER
ROTOR BURLY BUILDER
PEARLY PRIESTESS-IN-TRAINING
AMY HAMMERER
CRUSHER THINKS HE'S BIG STUFF
SONIC FASTEST THING ALIVE (...ON LAND)

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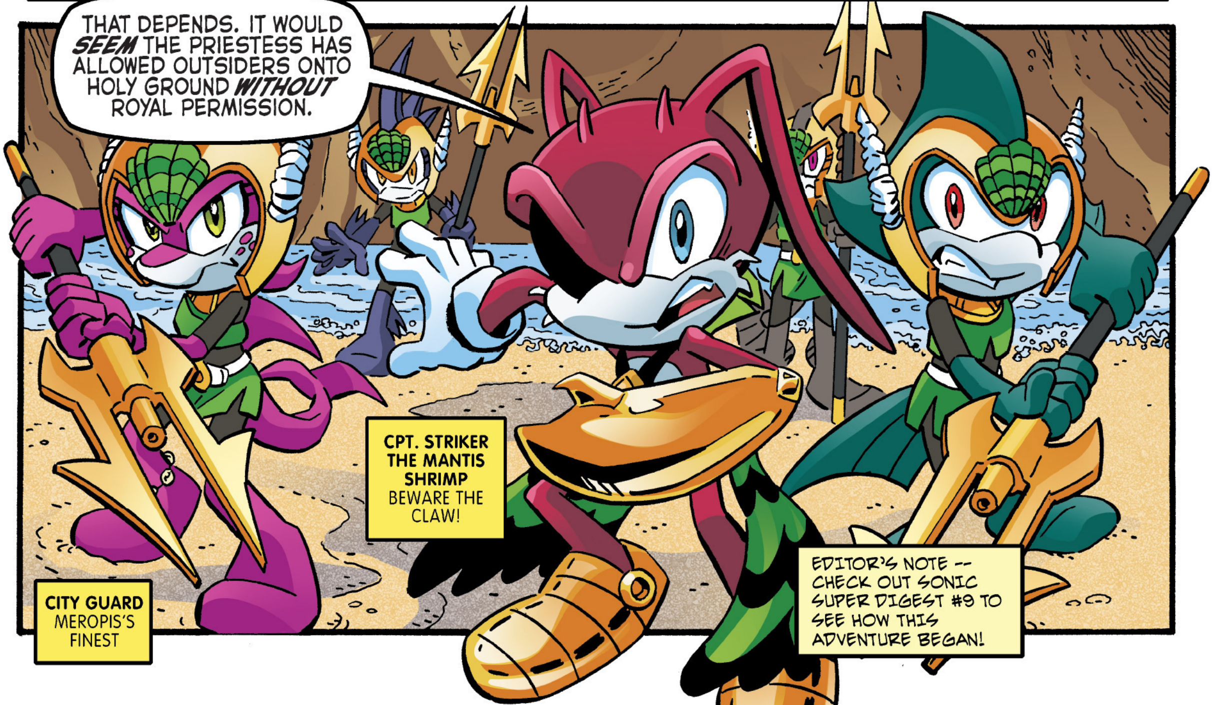
THAT DEPENDS. IT WOULD *SEEM* THE PRIESTESS HAS ALLOWED OUTSIDERS ONTO HOLY GROUND *WITHOUT* ROYAL PERMISSION.
CPT. STRIKER THE MANTIS SHRIMP BEWARE THE CLAW!
CITY GUARD MEROPIS'S FINEST
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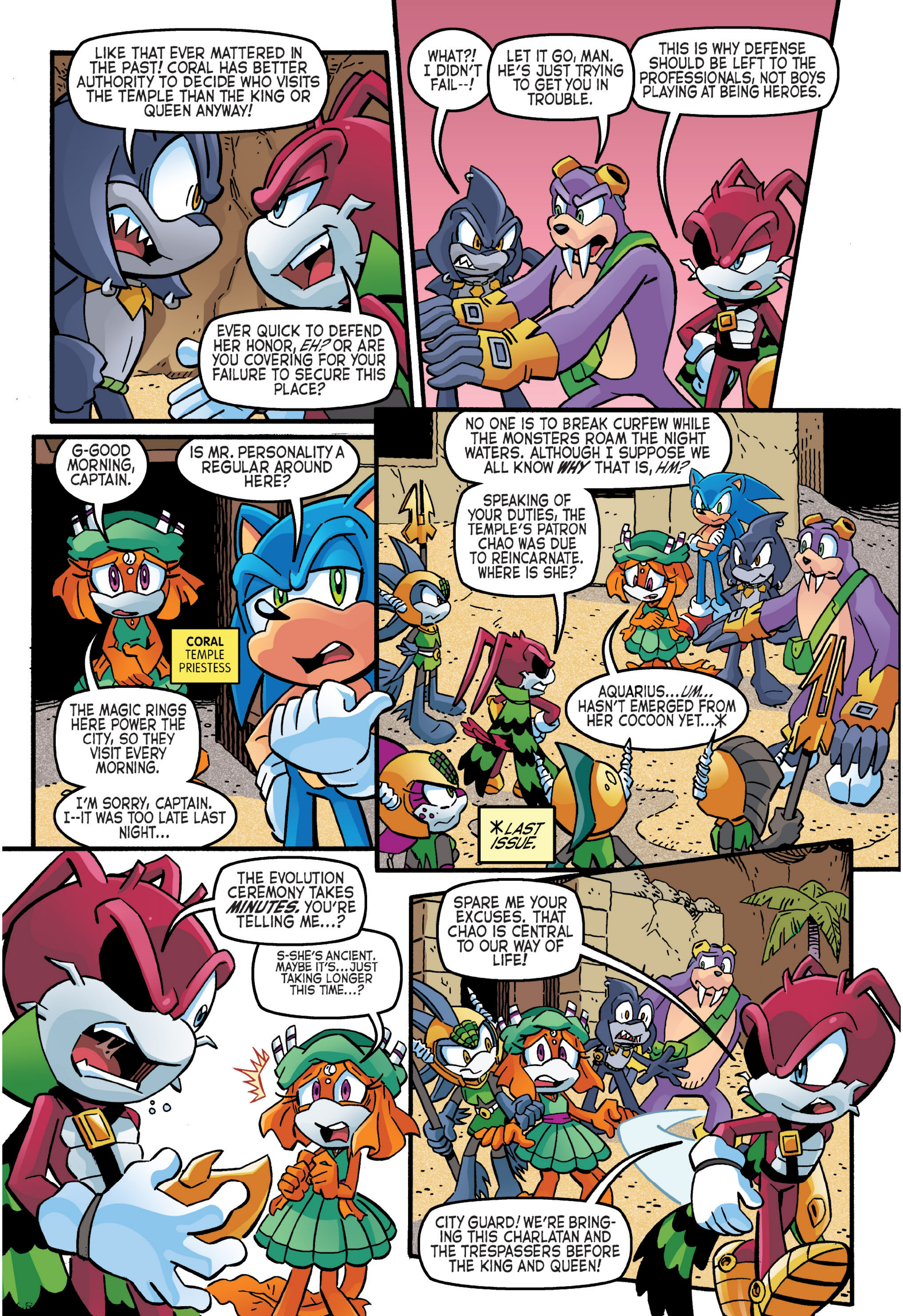
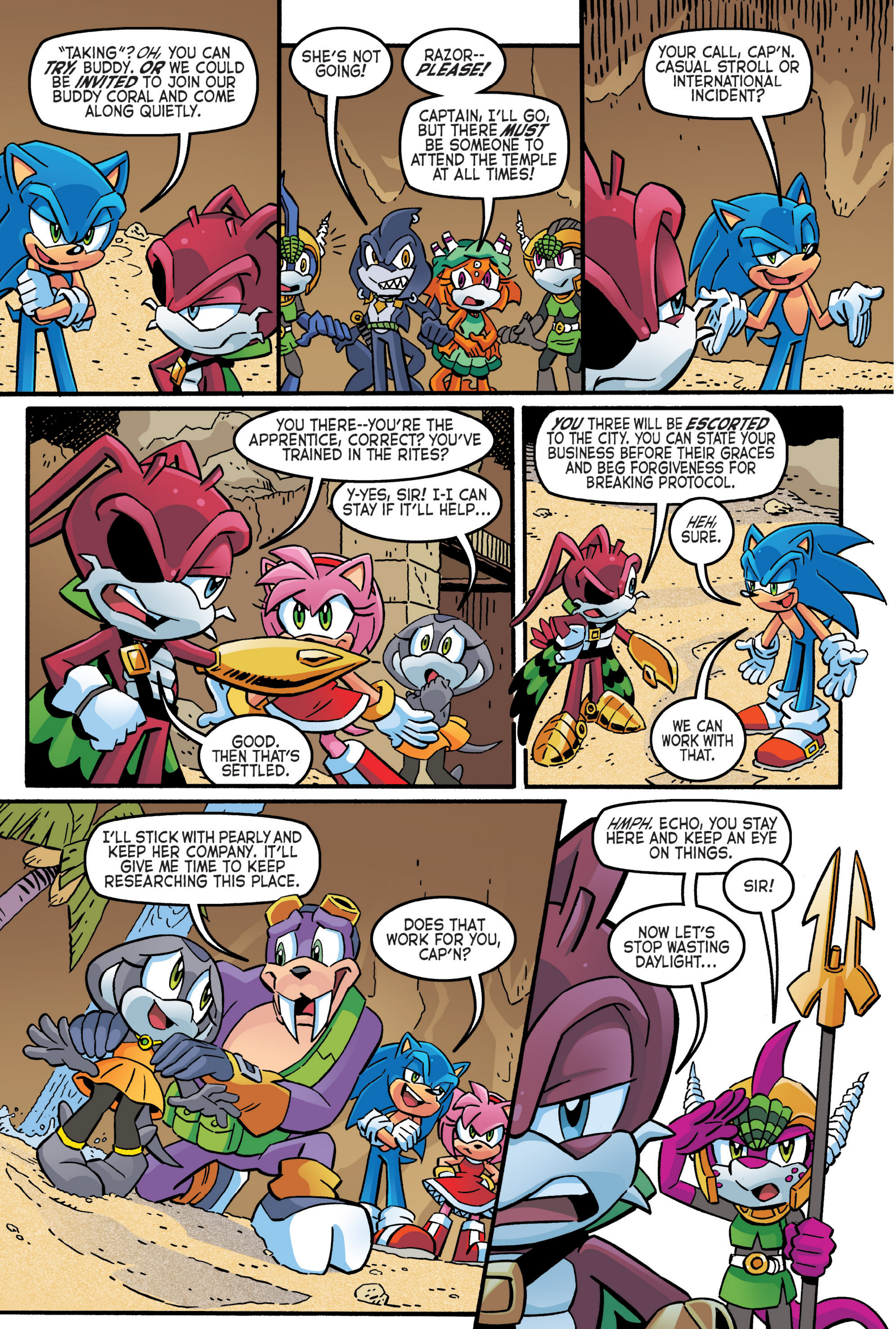
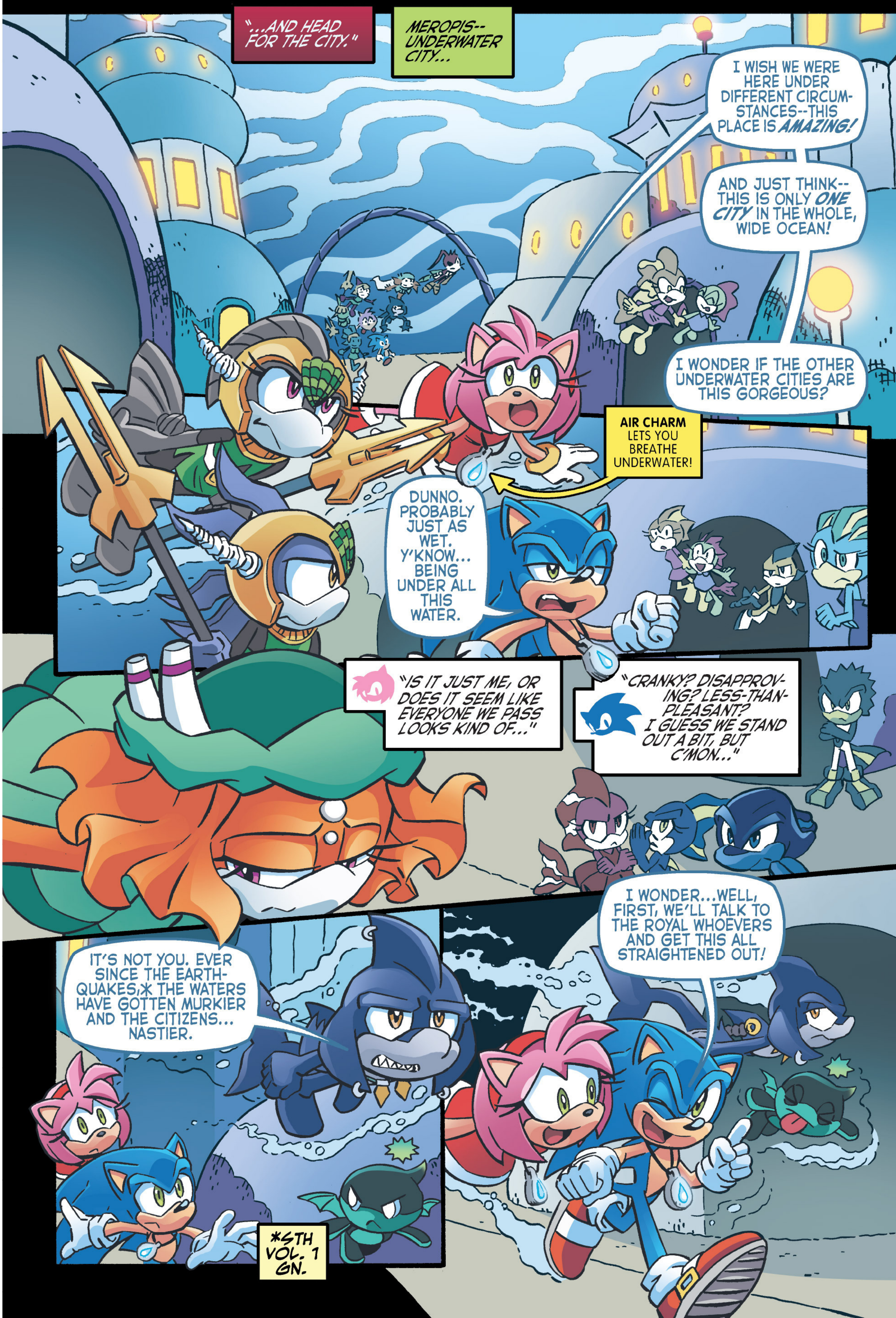
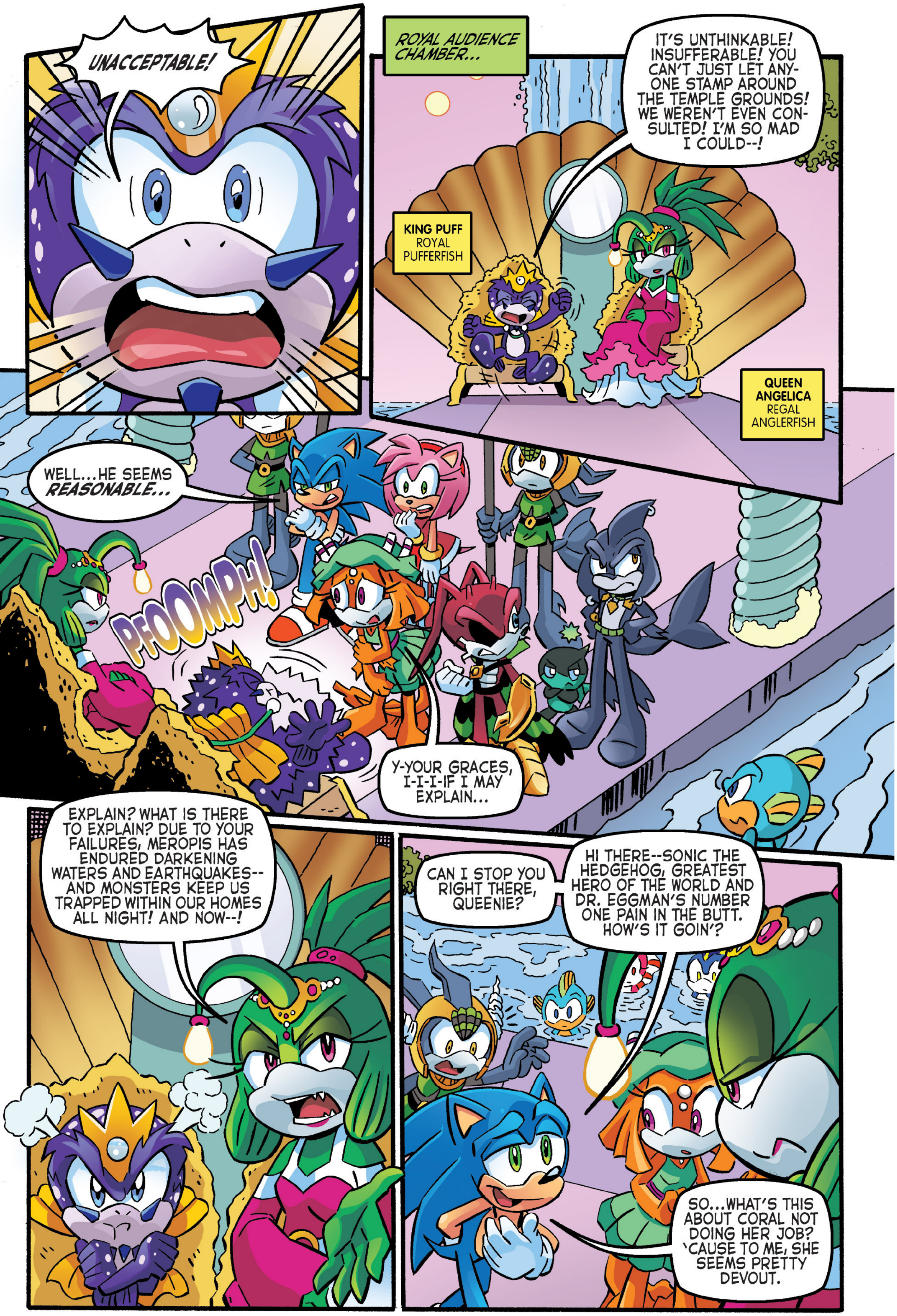
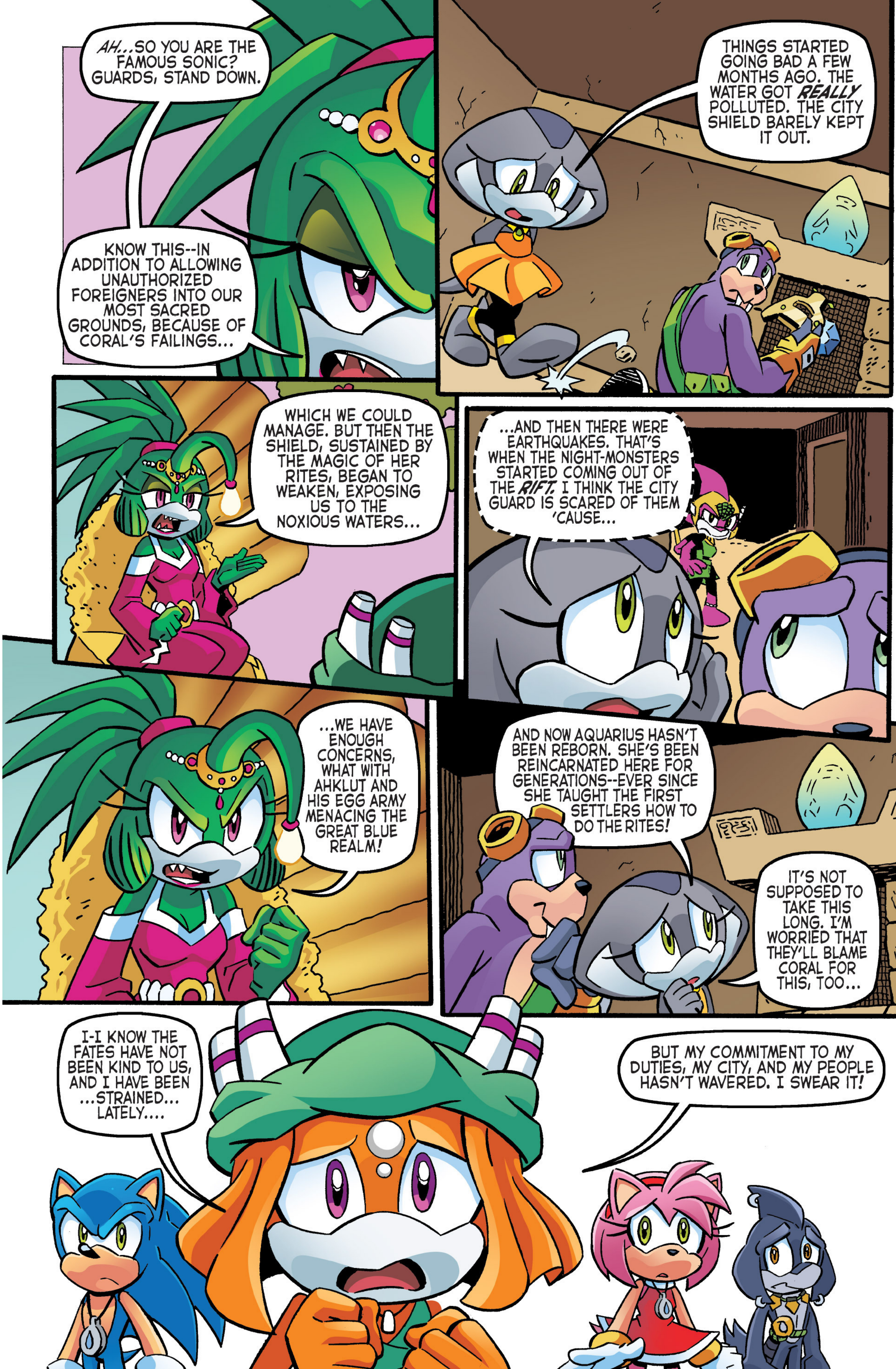
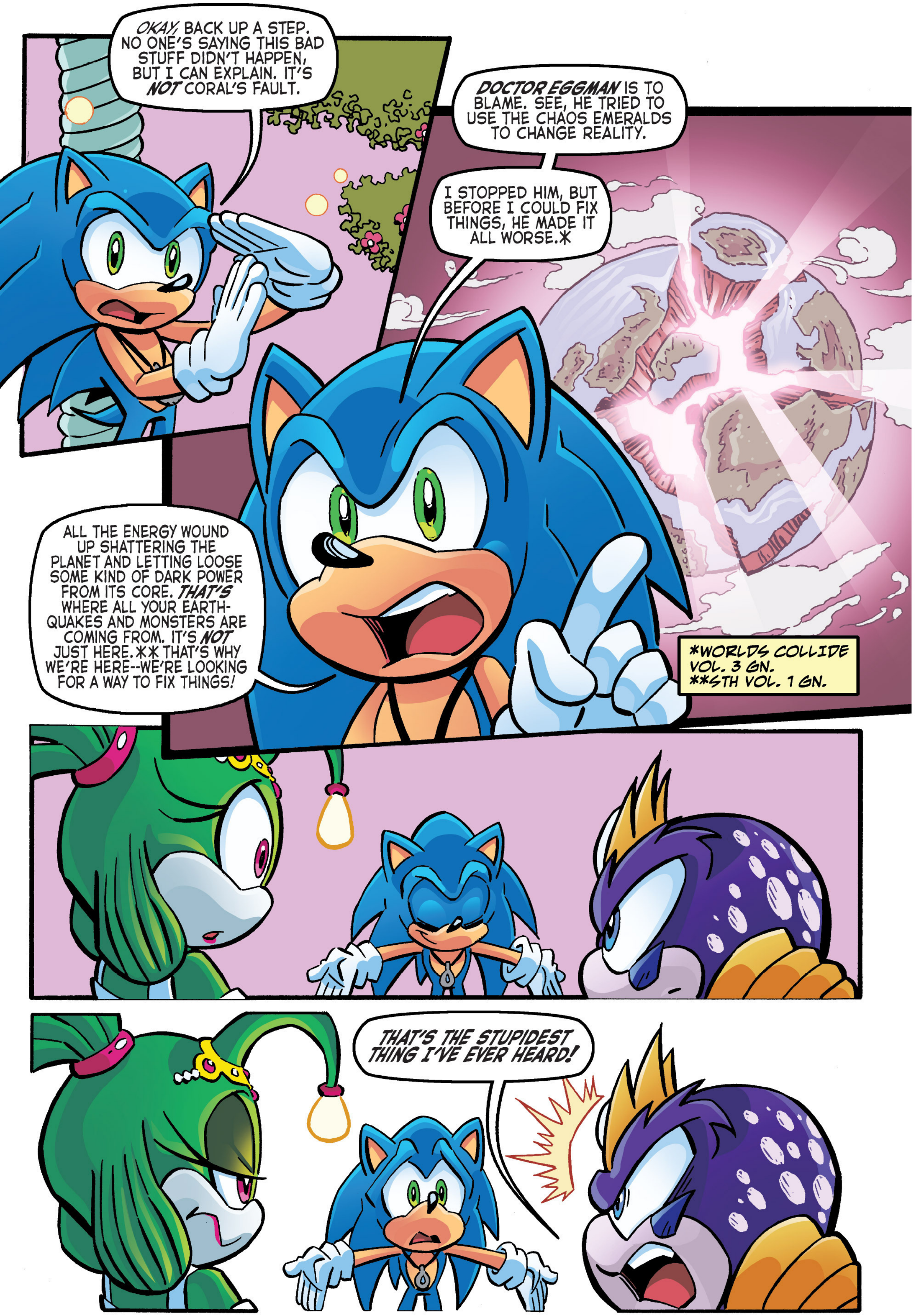

LIKE THAT EVER MATTERED IN THE PAST! CORAL HAS BETTER AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHO VISITS THE TEMPLE THAN THE KING OR QUEEN ANYWAY!
EVER QUICK TO DEFEND HER HONOR, *EH?* OR ARE YOU COVERING FOR YOUR FAILURE TO SECURE THIS PLACE?
WHAT?! I DIDN'T FAIL--!
LET IT GO, MAN. HE'S JUST TRYING TO GET YOU IN TROUBLE.
THIS IS WHY DEFENSE SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PROFESSIONALS, NOT BOYS PLAYING AT BEING HEROES.
G-GOOD MORNING, CAPTAIN.
IS MR. PERSONALITY A REGULAR AROUND HERE?
CORAL TEMPLE PRIESTESS
THE MAGIC RINGS HERE POWER THE CITY, SO THEY VISIT EVERY MORNING.
I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN. I--IT WAS TOO LATE LAST NIGHT...
NO ONE IS TO BREAK CURFEW WHILE THE MONSTERS ROAM THE NIGHT WATERS. ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE WE ALL KNOW ***WHY*** THAT IS, *HM?*
SPEAKING OF YOUR DUTIES, THE TEMPLE'S PATRON CHAO WAS DUE TO REINCARNATE. WHERE IS SHE?
AQUARIUS...*UM*... HASN'T EMERGED FROM HER COCOON YET...*
**LAST ISSUE.*
THE EVOLUTION CEREMONY TAKES ***MINUTES.*** YOU'RE TELLING ME...?
S-SHE'S ANCIENT. MAYBE IT'S...JUST TAKING LONGER THIS TIME...?
SPARE ME YOUR EXCUSES. THAT CHAO IS CENTRAL TO OUR WAY OF LIFE!
CITY GUARD! WE'RE BRINGING THIS CHARLATAN AND THE TRESPASSERS BEFORE THE KING AND QUEEN!

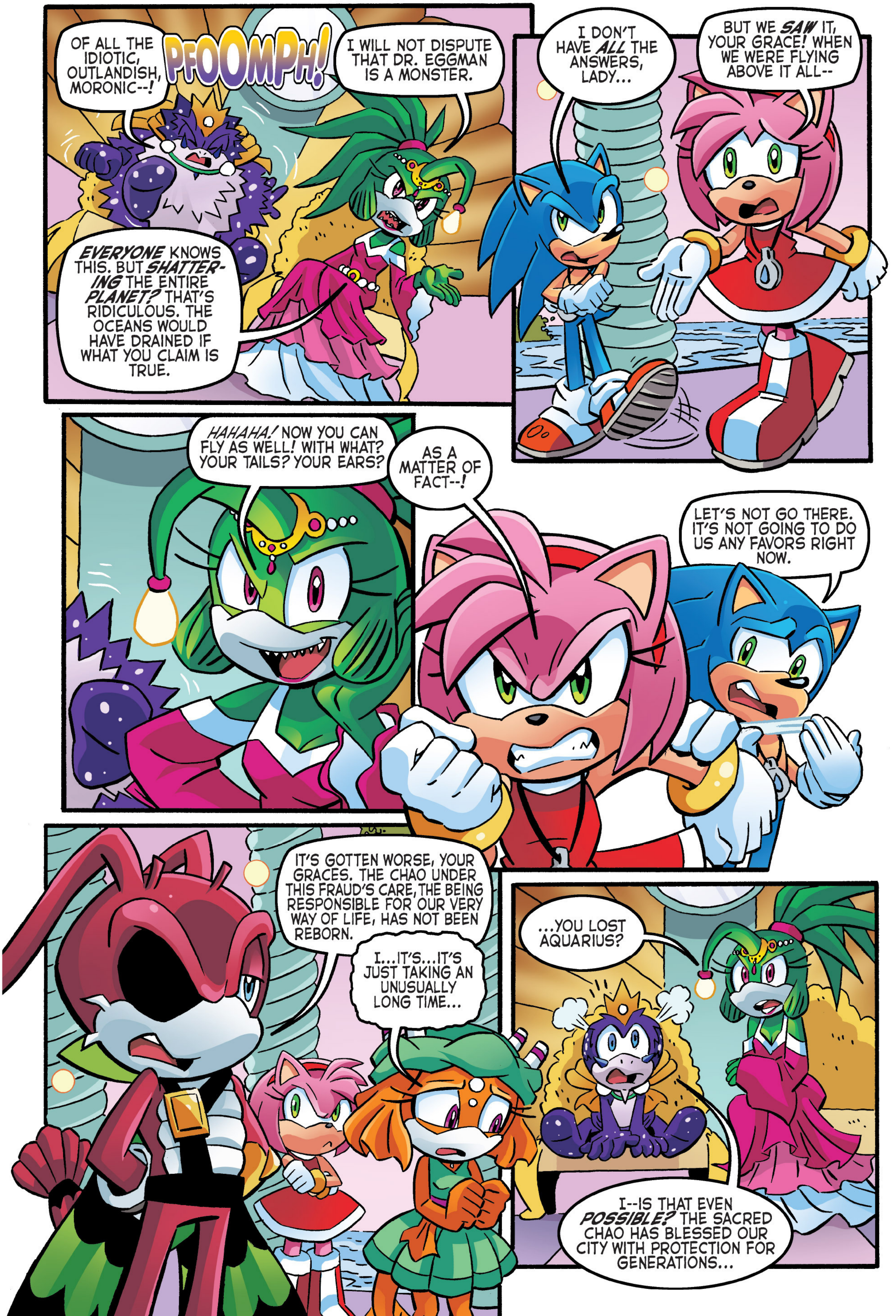

"TAKING"? *OH,* YOU CAN *TRY,* BUDDY. ***OR*** WE COULD BE ***INVITED*** TO JOIN OUR BUDDY CORAL AND COME ALONG QUIETLY.
SHE'S NOT GOING!
RAZOR-- ***PLEASE!***
CAPTAIN, I'LL GO, BUT THERE ***MUST*** BE SOMEONE TO ATTEND THE TEMPLE AT ALL TIMES!
YOUR CALL, CAP'N. CASUAL STROLL OR INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT?
YOU THERE--YOU'RE THE APPRENTICE, CORRECT? YOU'VE TRAINED IN THE RITES?
Y-YES, SIR! I-I CAN STAY IF IT'LL HELP...
GOOD. THEN THAT'S SETTLED.
YOU THREE WILL BE ***ESCORTED*** TO THE CITY. YOU CAN STATE YOUR BUSINESS BEFORE THEIR GRACES AND BEG FORGIVENESS FOR BREAKING PROTOCOL.
HEH, SURE.
WE CAN WORK WITH THAT.
I'LL STICK WITH PEARLY AND KEEP HER COMPANY. IT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO KEEP RESEARCHING THIS PLACE.
DOES THAT WORK FOR YOU, CAP'N?
HMPH. ECHO, YOU STAY HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS.
SIR!
NOW LET'S STOP WASTING DAYLIGHT...

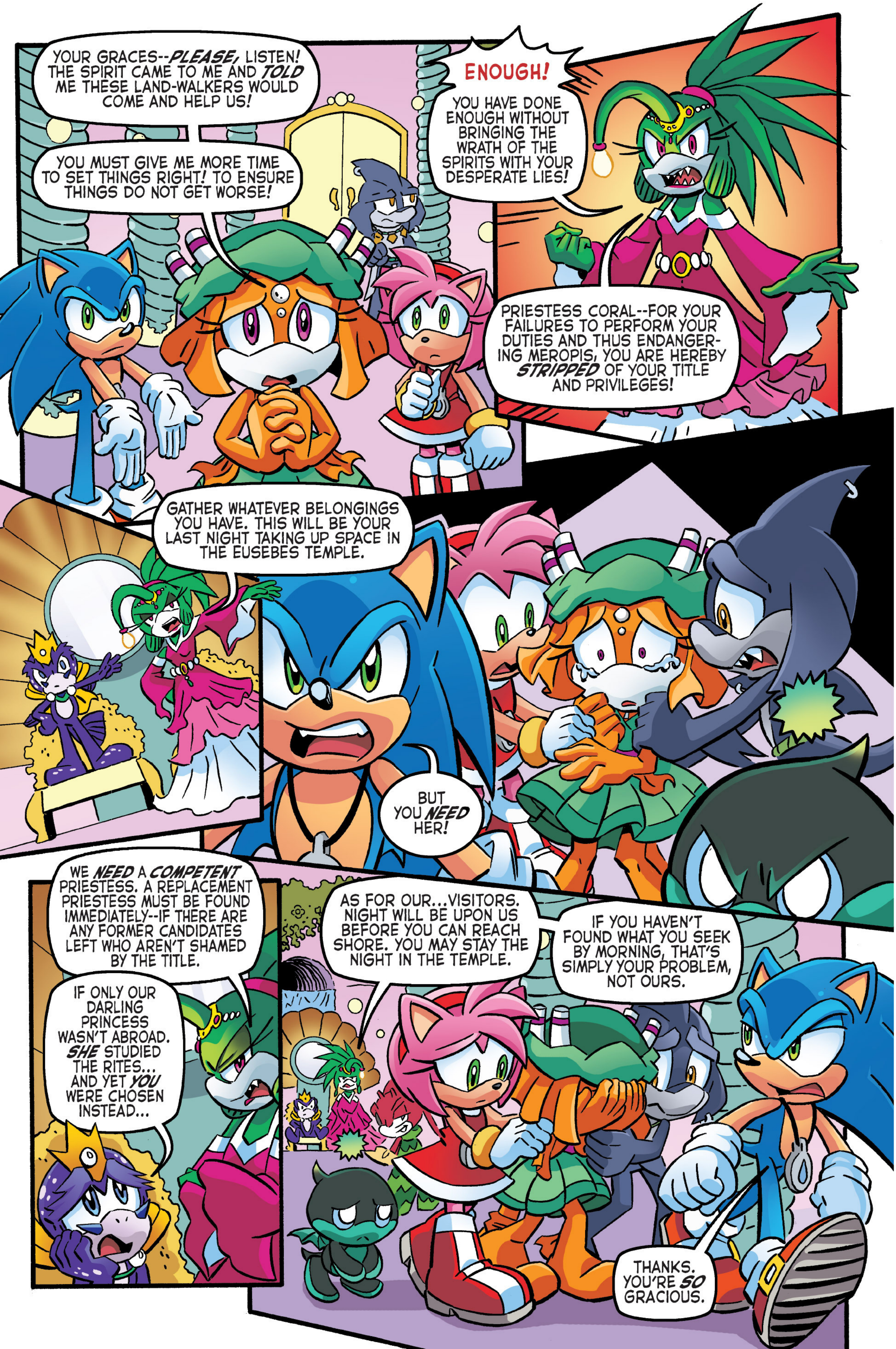

"...AND HEAD FOR THE CITY."
MEROPIS-- UNDERWATER CITY...
I WISH WE WERE HERE UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES--THIS PLACE IS *AMAZING!*
AND JUST THINK-- THIS IS ONLY *ONE CITY* IN THE WHOLE, WIDE OCEAN!
I WONDER IF THE OTHER UNDERWATER CITIES ARE THIS GORGEOUS?
AIR CHARM LETS YOU BREATHE UNDERWATER!
DUNNO. PROBABLY JUST AS WET. Y'KNOW... BEING UNDER ALL THIS WATER.
"IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES IT SEEM LIKE EVERYONE WE PASS LOOKS KIND OF..."
"CRANKY? DISAPPROVING? LESS-THAN-PLEASANT? I GUESS WE STAND OUT A BIT, BUT C'MON..."
IT'S NOT YOU. EVER SINCE THE EARTHQUAKES,* THE WATERS HAVE GOTTEN MURKIER AND THE CITIZENS... NASTIER.
*STH VOL. 1 GN.
I WONDER...WELL, FIRST, WE'LL TALK TO THE ROYAL WHOEVERS AND GET THIS ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT!

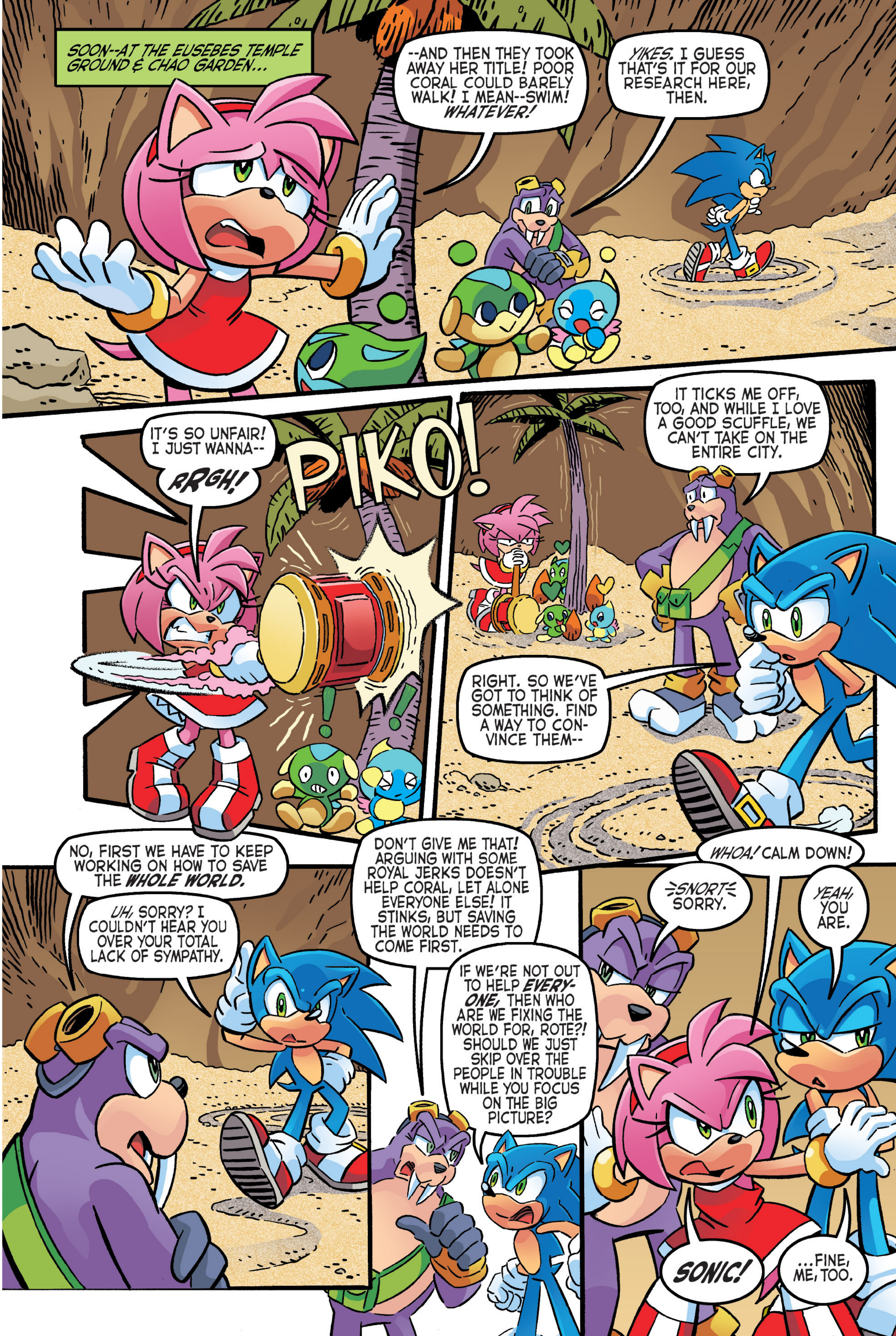

UNACCEPTABLE!
ROYAL AUDIENCE CHAMBER...
IT'S UNTHINKABLE! INSUFFERABLE! YOU CAN'T JUST LET ANYONE STAMP AROUND THE TEMPLE GROUNDS! WE WEREN'T EVEN CONSULTED! I'M SO MAD I COULD--!
KING PUFF ROYAL PUFFERFISH
QUEEN ANGELICA REGAL ANGLERFISH
WELL...HE SEEMS *REASONABLE...*
PFOOMPH!
Y-YOUR GRACES, I-I-I-IF I MAY EXPLAIN...
EXPLAIN? WHAT IS THERE TO EXPLAIN? DUE TO YOUR FAILURES, MEROPIS HAS ENDURED DARKENING WATERS AND EARTHQUAKES--AND MONSTERS KEEP US TRAPPED WITHIN OUR HOMES ALL NIGHT! AND NOW--!
CAN I STOP YOU RIGHT THERE, QUEENIE?
HI THERE--SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, GREATEST HERO OF THE WORLD AND DR. EGGMAN'S NUMBER ONE PAIN IN THE BUTT. HOW'S IT GOIN'?
SO...WHAT'S THIS ABOUT CORAL NOT DOING HER JOB? 'CAUSE TO ME, SHE SEEMS PRETTY DEVOUT.

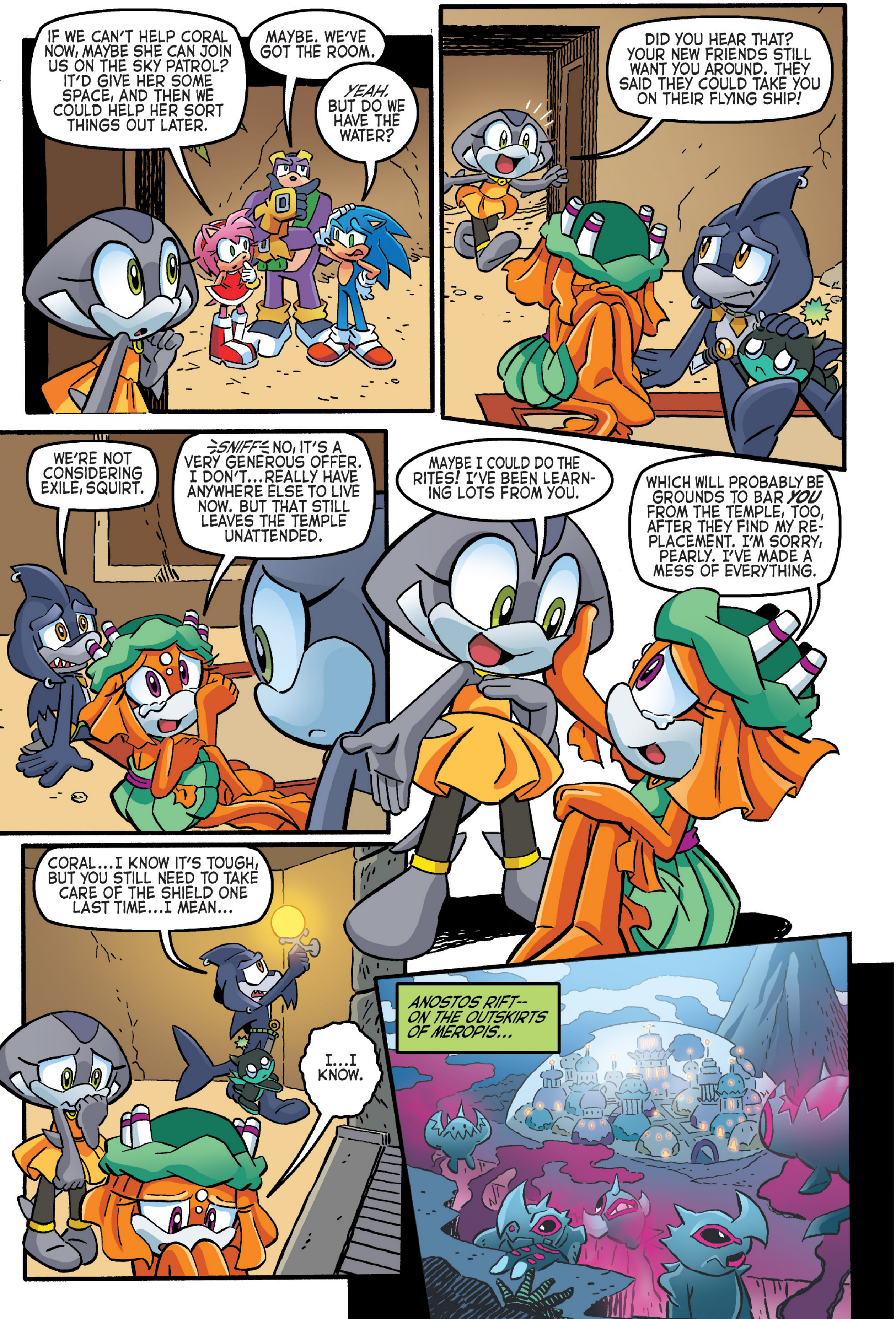

*AH...*SO YOU ARE THE FAMOUS SONIC? GUARDS, STAND DOWN.
KNOW THIS--IN ADDITION TO ALLOWING UNAUTHORIZED FOREIGNERS INTO OUR MOST SACRED GROUNDS, BECAUSE OF CORAL'S FAILINGS...
THINGS STARTED GOING BAD A FEW MONTHS AGO. THE WATER GOT *REALLY* POLLUTED. THE CITY SHIELD BARELY KEPT IT OUT.
WHICH WE COULD MANAGE. BUT THEN THE SHIELD, SUSTAINED BY THE MAGIC OF HER RITES, BEGAN TO WEAKEN, EXPOSING US TO THE NOXIOUS WATERS...
...AND THEN THERE WERE EARTHQUAKES. THAT'S WHEN THE NIGHT-MONSTERS STARTED COMING OUT OF THE *RIFT.* I THINK THE CITY GUARD IS SCARED OF THEM 'CAUSE...
...WE HAVE ENOUGH CONCERNS, WHAT WITH AHKLUT AND HIS EGG ARMY MENACING THE GREAT BLUE REALM!
AND NOW AQUARIUS HASN'T BEEN REBORN. SHE'S BEEN REINCARNATED HERE FOR GENERATIONS--EVER SINCE SHE TAUGHT THE FIRST SETTLERS HOW TO DO THE RITES!
IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE THIS LONG. I'M WORRIED THAT THEY'LL BLAME CORAL FOR THIS, TOO...
I-I KNOW THE FATES HAVE NOT BEEN KIND TO US, AND I HAVE BEEN ...STRAINED... LATELY....
BUT MY COMMITMENT TO MY DUTIES, MY CITY, AND MY PEOPLE HASN'T WAVERED. I SWEAR IT!

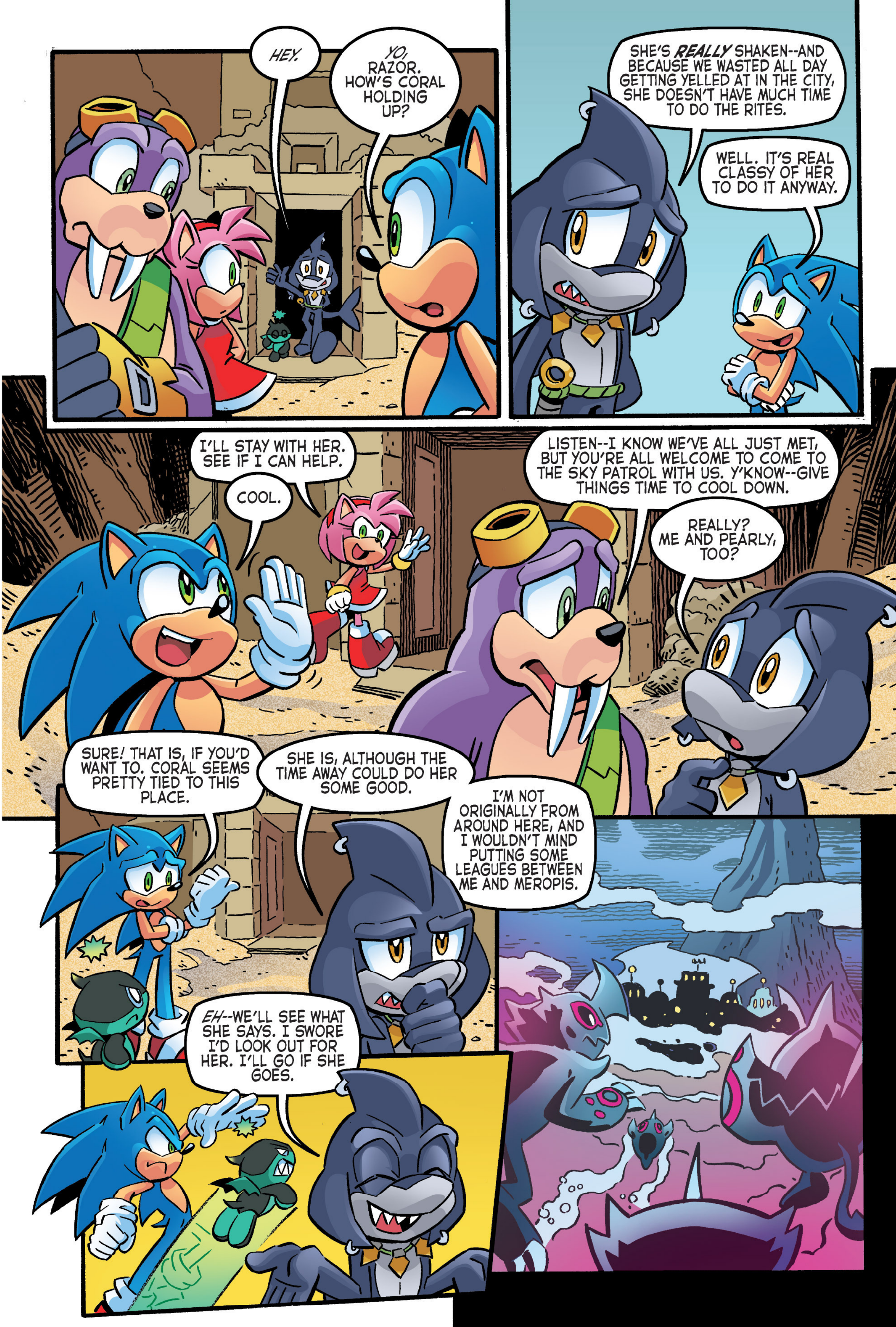

OKAY, BACK UP A STEP. NO ONE'S SAYING THIS BAD STUFF DIDN'T HAPPEN, BUT I CAN EXPLAIN. IT'S ***NOT*** CORAL'S FAULT.
DOCTOR EGGMAN IS TO BLAME. SEE, HE TRIED TO USE THE CHAOS EMERALDS TO CHANGE REALITY.
I STOPPED HIM, BUT BEFORE I COULD FIX THINGS, HE MADE IT ALL WORSE.*
ALL THE ENERGY WOUND UP SHATTERING THE PLANET AND LETTING LOOSE SOME KIND OF DARK POWER FROM ITS CORE. ***THAT'S*** WHERE ALL YOUR EARTHQUAKES AND MONSTERS ARE COMING FROM. IT'S ***NOT*** JUST HERE.** THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE--WE'RE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FIX THINGS!
*WORLDS COLLIDE VOL. 3 GN.
**STH VOL. 1 GN.
THAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD!

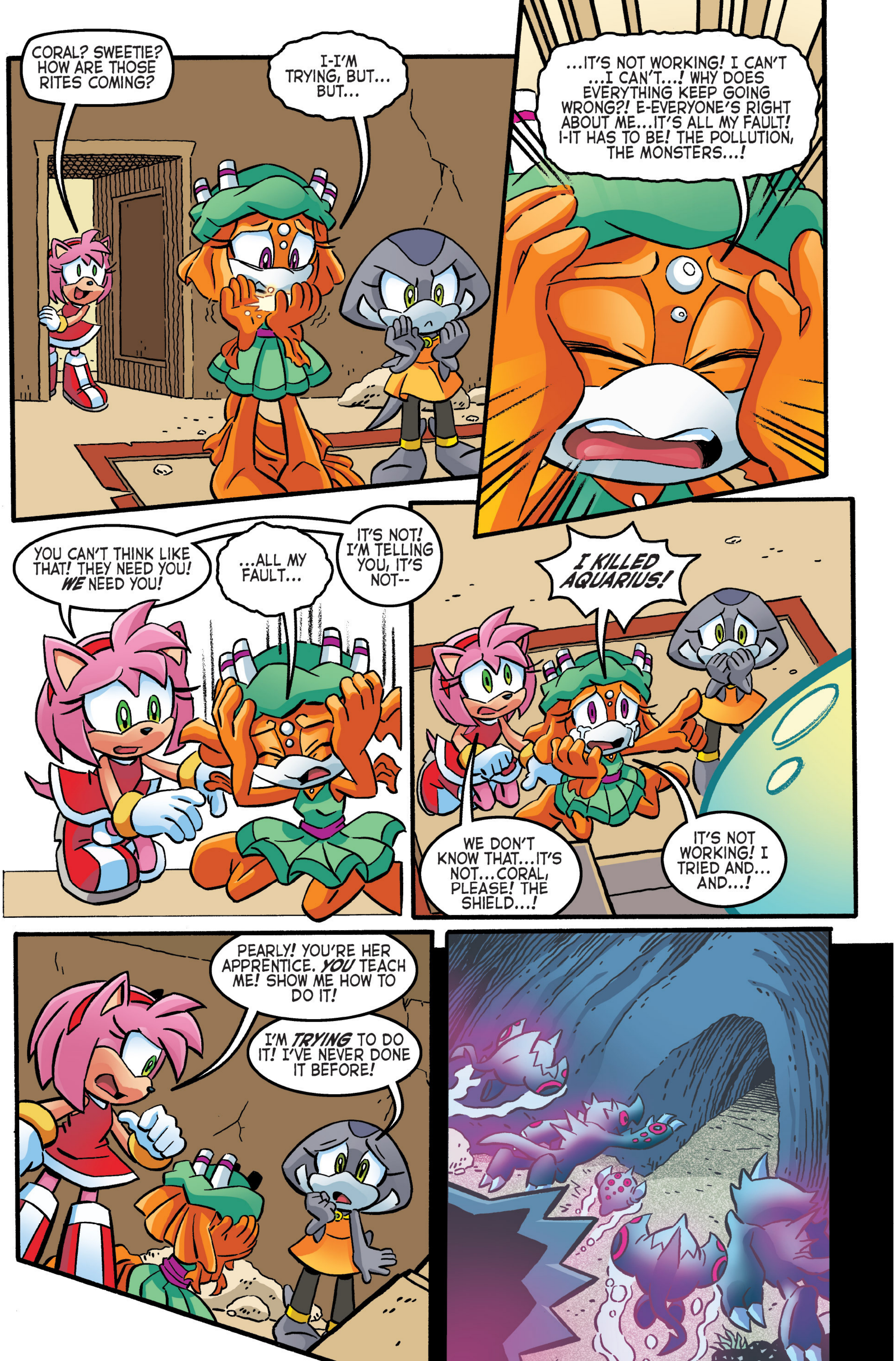

OF ALL THE IDIOTIC, OUTLANDISH, MORONIC--!
PFOOMPH!
I WILL NOT DISPUTE THAT DR. EGGMAN IS A MONSTER.
EVERYONE KNOWS THIS. BUT *SHATTERING* THE ENTIRE *PLANET?* THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THE OCEANS WOULD HAVE DRAINED IF WHAT YOU CLAIM IS TRUE.
I DON'T HAVE *ALL* THE ANSWERS, LADY...
BUT WE *SAW* IT, YOUR GRACE! WHEN WE WERE FLYING ABOVE IT ALL--
HAHAHA! NOW YOU CAN FLY AS WELL! WITH WHAT? YOUR TAILS? YOUR EARS?
AS A MATTER OF FACT--!
LET'S NOT GO THERE. IT'S NOT GOING TO DO US ANY FAVORS RIGHT NOW.
IT'S GOTTEN WORSE, YOUR GRACES. THE CHAO UNDER THIS FRAUD'S CARE, THE BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VERY WAY OF LIFE, HAS NOT BEEN REBORN.
I...IT'S...IT'S JUST TAKING AN UNUSUALLY LONG TIME...
...YOU LOST AQUARIUS?
I--IS THAT EVEN *POSSIBLE?* THE SACRED CHAO HAS BLESSED OUR CITY WITH PROTECTION FOR GENERATIONS...

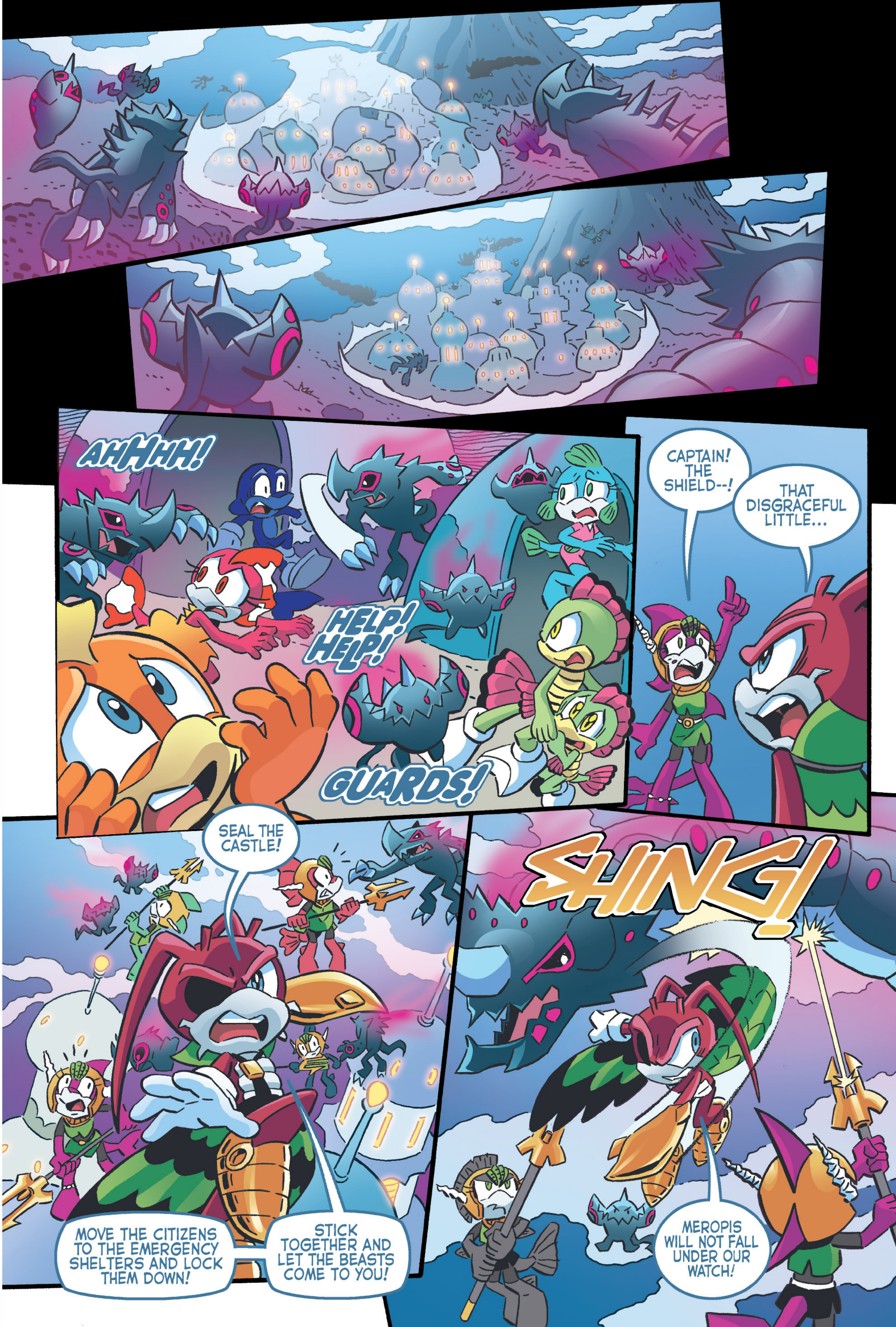

YOUR GRACES--*PLEASE,* LISTEN! THE SPIRIT CAME TO ME AND *TOLD* ME THESE LAND-WALKERS WOULD COME AND HELP US!
YOU MUST GIVE ME MORE TIME TO SET THINGS RIGHT! TO ENSURE THINGS DO NOT GET WORSE!
ENOUGH!
YOU HAVE DONE ENOUGH WITHOUT BRINGING THE WRATH OF THE SPIRITS WITH YOUR DESPERATE LIES!
PRIESTESS CORAL--FOR YOUR FAILURES TO PERFORM YOUR DUTIES AND THUS ENDANGERING MEROPIS, YOU ARE HEREBY *STRIPPED* OF YOUR TITLE AND PRIVILEGES!
GATHER WHATEVER BELONGINGS YOU HAVE. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NIGHT TAKING UP SPACE IN THE EUSEBES TEMPLE.
BUT YOU *NEED* HER!
WE *NEED* A *COMPETENT* PRIESTESS. A REPLACEMENT PRIESTESS MUST BE FOUND IMMEDIATELY--IF THERE ARE ANY FORMER CANDIDATES LEFT WHO AREN'T SHAMED BY THE TITLE.
IF ONLY OUR DARLING PRINCESS WASN'T ABROAD. *SHE* STUDIED THE RITES... AND YET *YOU* WERE CHOSEN INSTEAD...
AS FOR OUR...VISITORS. NIGHT WILL BE UPON US BEFORE YOU CAN REACH SHORE. YOU MAY STAY THE NIGHT IN THE TEMPLE.
IF YOU HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT YOU SEEK BY MORNING, THAT'S SIMPLY YOUR PROBLEM, NOT OURS.
THANKS. YOU'RE *SO* GRACIOUS.

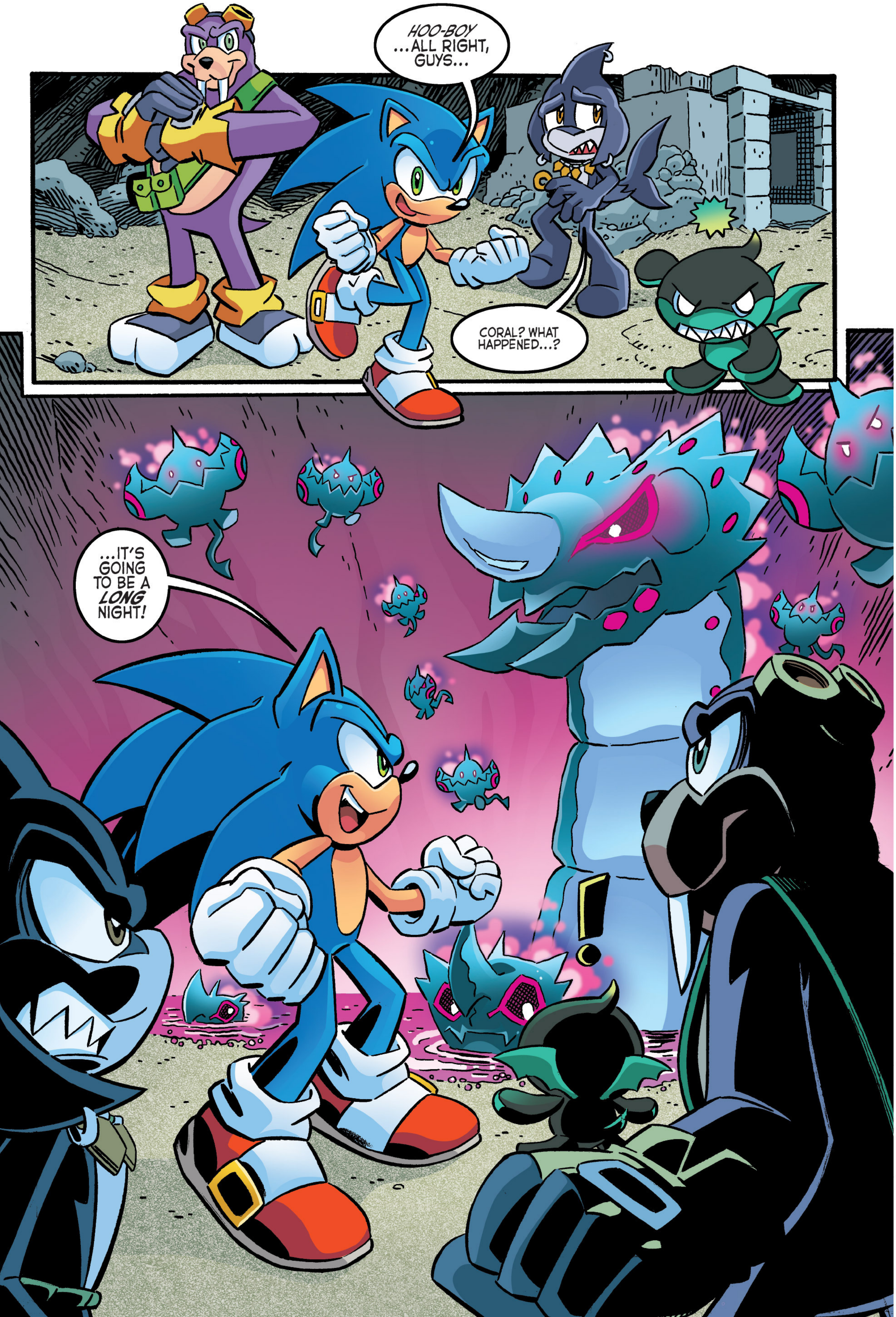

SOON--AT THE EUSEBES TEMPLE GROUND & CHAO GARDEN...
--AND THEN THEY TOOK AWAY HER TITLE! POOR CORAL COULD BARELY WALK! I MEAN--SWIM! WHATEVER!
YIKES. I GUESS THAT'S IT FOR OUR RESEARCH HERE, THEN.
IT'S SO UNFAIR! I JUST WANNA--
RRGH!
PIKO!
IT TICKS ME OFF, TOO, AND WHILE I LOVE A GOOD SCUFFLE, WE CAN'T TAKE ON THE ENTIRE CITY.
RIGHT. SO WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING. FIND A WAY TO CONVINCE THEM--
NO, FIRST WE HAVE TO KEEP WORKING ON HOW TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD.
UH, SORRY? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU OVER YOUR TOTAL LACK OF SYMPATHY.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT! ARGUING WITH SOME ROYAL JERKS DOESN'T HELP CORAL, LET ALONE EVERYONE ELSE! IT STINKS, BUT SAVING THE WORLD NEEDS TO COME FIRST.
IF WE'RE NOT OUT TO HELP EVERYONE, THEN WHO ARE WE FIXING THE WORLD FOR, ROTE?! SHOULD WE JUST SKIP OVER THE PEOPLE IN TROUBLE WHILE YOU FOCUS ON THE BIG PICTURE?
WHOA! CALM DOWN!
=SNORT= SORRY.
YEAH, YOU ARE.
SONIC!
...FINE, ME, TOO.

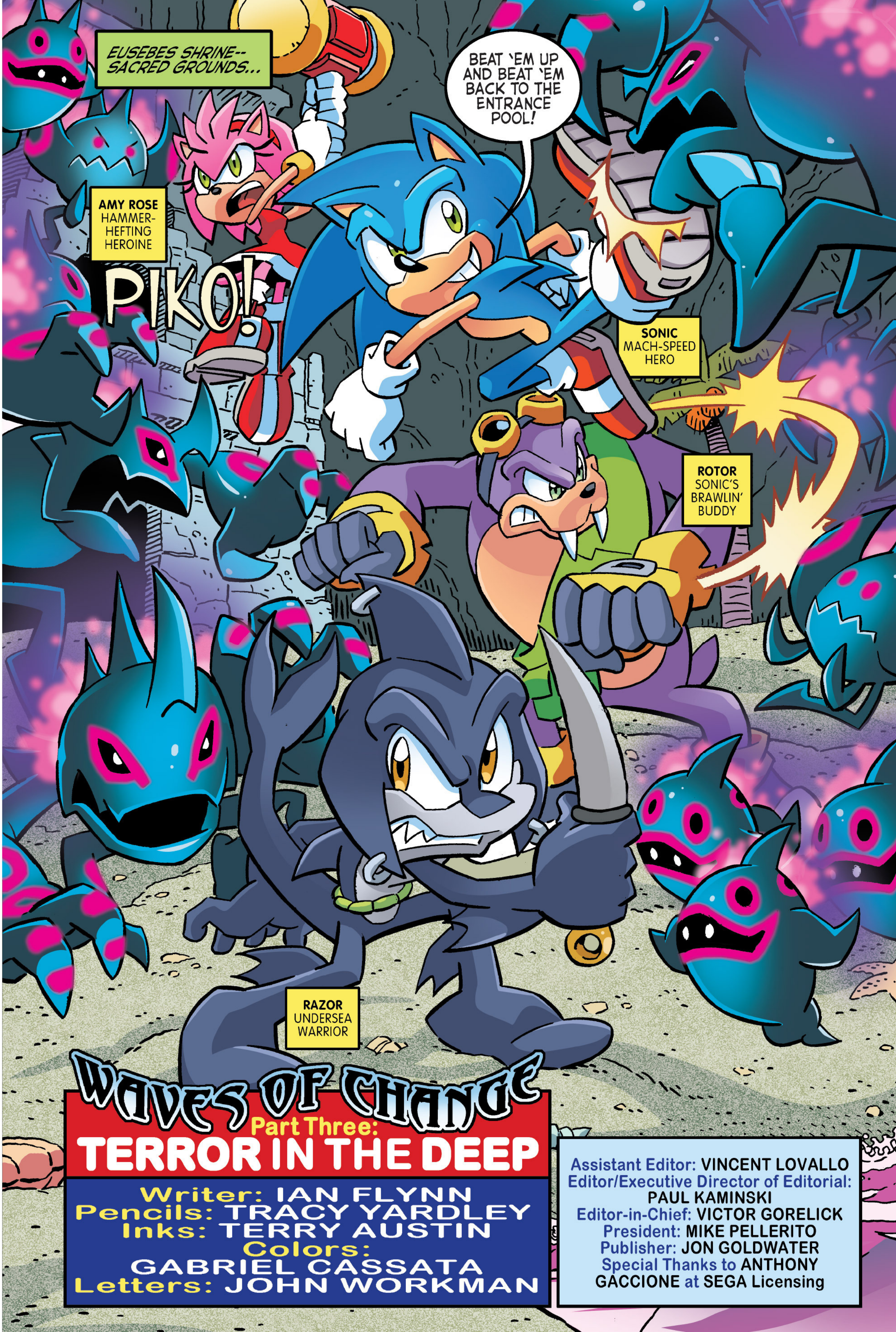

IF WE CAN'T HELP CORAL NOW, MAYBE SHE CAN JOIN US ON THE SKY PATROL? IT'D GIVE HER SOME SPACE, AND THEN WE COULD HELP HER SORT THINGS OUT LATER.
MAYBE. WE'VE GOT THE ROOM.
YEAH. BUT DO WE HAVE THE WATER?
DID YOU HEAR THAT? YOUR NEW FRIENDS STILL WANT YOU AROUND. THEY SAID THEY COULD TAKE YOU ON THEIR FLYING SHIP!
WE'RE NOT CONSIDERING EXILE, SQUIRT.
SNIFF NO, IT'S A VERY GENEROUS OFFER. I DON'T...REALLY HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO LIVE NOW. BUT THAT STILL LEAVES THE TEMPLE UNATTENDED.
MAYBE I COULD DO THE RITES! I'VE BEEN LEARNING LOTS FROM YOU.
WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE GROUNDS TO BAR *YOU* FROM THE TEMPLE, TOO, AFTER THEY FIND MY REPLACEMENT. I'M SORRY, PEARLY. I'VE MADE A MESS OF EVERYTHING.
CORAL...I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, BUT YOU STILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHIELD ONE LAST TIME...I MEAN...
I...I KNOW.
ANOSTOS RIFT-- ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MEROPIS...


HEY.
YO, RAZOR. HOW'S CORAL HOLDING UP?
SHE'S *REALLY* SHAKEN--AND BECAUSE WE WASTED ALL DAY GETTING YELLED AT IN THE CITY, SHE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO DO THE RITES.
WELL. IT'S REAL CLASSY OF HER TO DO IT ANYWAY.
I'LL STAY WITH HER. SEE IF I CAN HELP.
COOL.
LISTEN--I KNOW WE'VE ALL JUST MET, BUT YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO COME TO THE SKY PATROL WITH US. Y'KNOW--GIVE THINGS TIME TO COOL DOWN.
REALLY? ME AND PEARLY, TOO?
SURE! THAT IS, IF YOU'D WANT TO. CORAL SEEMS PRETTY TIED TO THIS PLACE.
SHE IS, ALTHOUGH THE TIME AWAY COULD DO HER SOME GOOD.
I'M NOT ORIGINALLY FROM AROUND HERE, AND I WOULDN'T MIND PUTTING SOME LEAGUES BETWEEN ME AND MEROPIS.
EH--WE'LL SEE WHAT SHE SAYS. I SWORE I'D LOOK OUT FOR HER. I'LL GO IF SHE GOES.


CORAL? SWEETIE? HOW ARE THOSE RITES COMING?
I-I'M TRYING, BUT... BUT...
...IT'S NOT WORKING! I CAN'T ...I CAN'T...! WHY DOES EVERYTHING KEEP GOING WRONG?! E-EVERYONE'S RIGHT ABOUT ME...IT'S ALL MY FAULT! I-IT HAS TO BE! THE POLLUTION, THE MONSTERS...!
YOU CAN'T THINK LIKE THAT! THEY NEED YOU! *WE* NEED YOU!
...ALL MY FAULT...
IT'S NOT! I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT--
I KILLED AQUARIUS!
WE DON'T KNOW THAT...IT'S NOT...CORAL, PLEASE! THE SHIELD...!
IT'S NOT WORKING! I TRIED AND... AND...!
PEARLY! YOU'RE HER APPRENTICE. *YOU* TEACH ME! SHOW ME HOW TO DO IT!
I'M *TRYING* TO DO IT! I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE!


AHHHH!
HELP! HELP!
GUARDS!
CAPTAIN! THE SHIELD--!
THAT DISGRACEFUL LITTLE...
SEAL THE CASTLE!
MOVE THE CITIZENS TO THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND LOCK THEM DOWN!
STICK TOGETHER AND LET THE BEASTS COME TO YOU!
SHING!
MEROPIS WILL NOT FALL UNDER OUR WATCH!


HOO-BOY ...ALL RIGHT, GUYS...
CORAL? WHAT HAPPENED...?
...IT'S GOING TO BE A *LONG* NIGHT!


EUSEBES SHRINE-- SACRED GROUNDS...
AMY ROSE HAMMER-HEFTING HEROINE
PIKO!
BEAT 'EM UP AND BEAT 'EM BACK TO THE ENTRANCE POOL!
SONIC MACH-SPEED HERO
ROTOR SONIC'S BRAWLIN' BUDDY
RAZOR UNDERSEA WARRIOR

WAVES OF CHANGE

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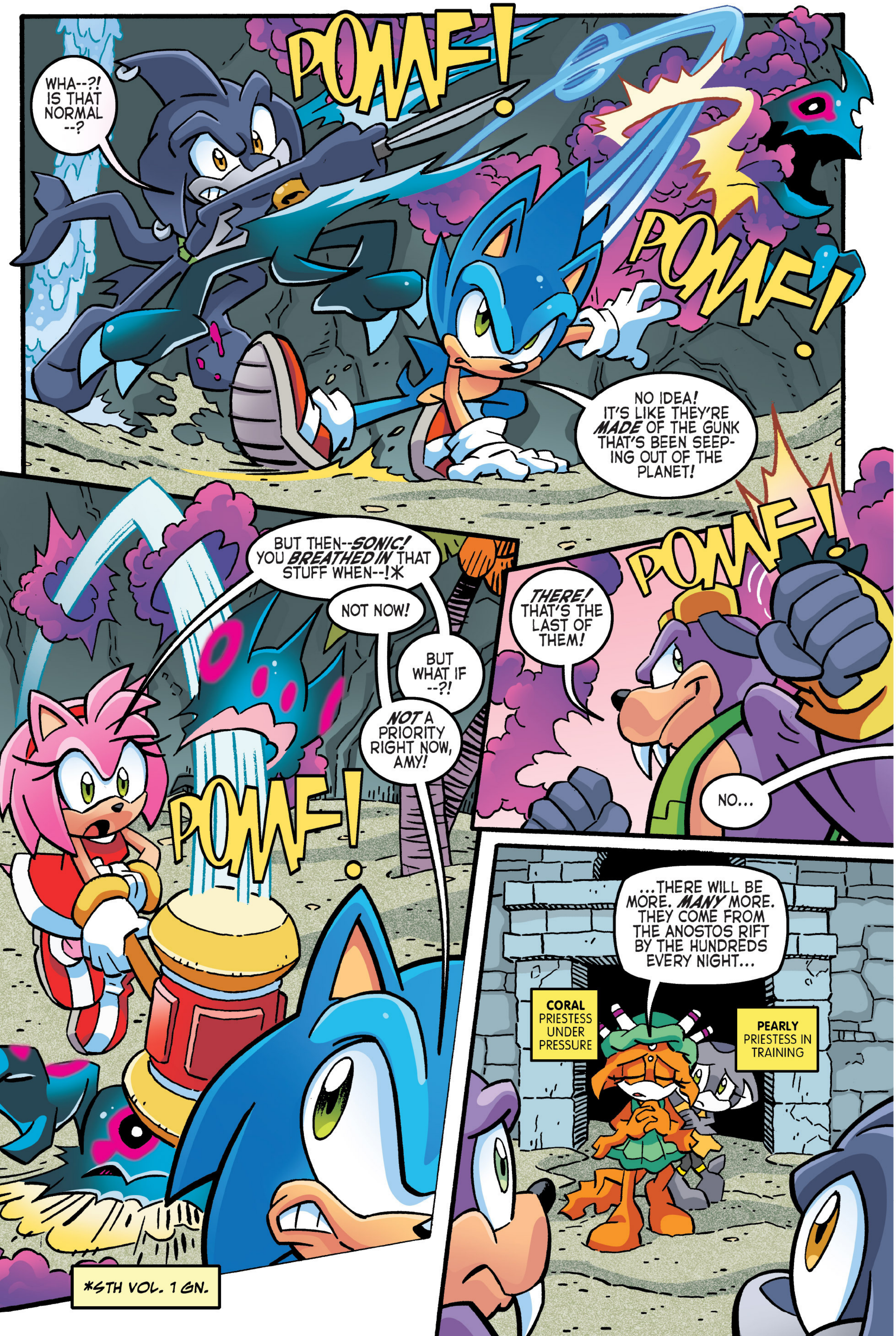
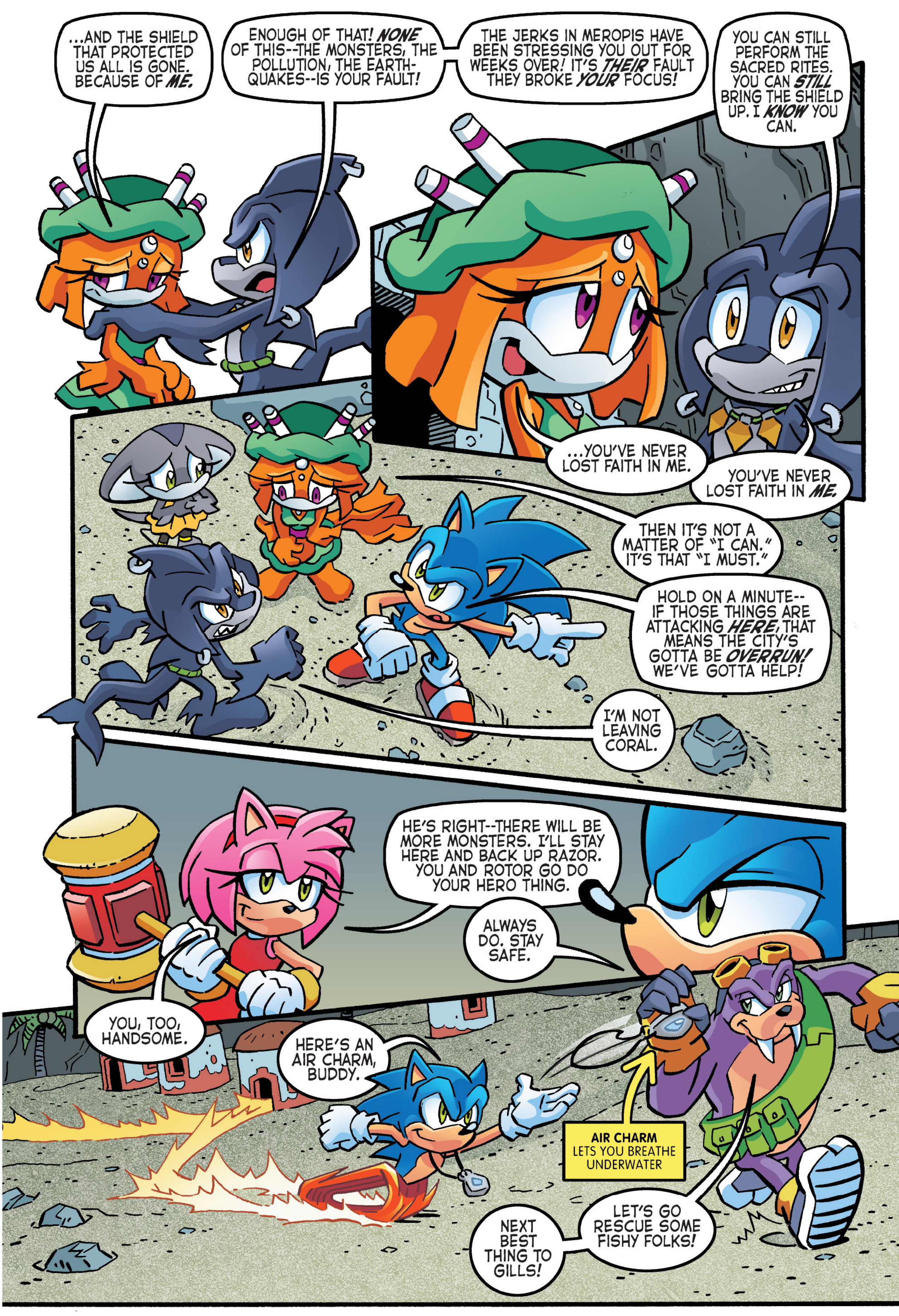
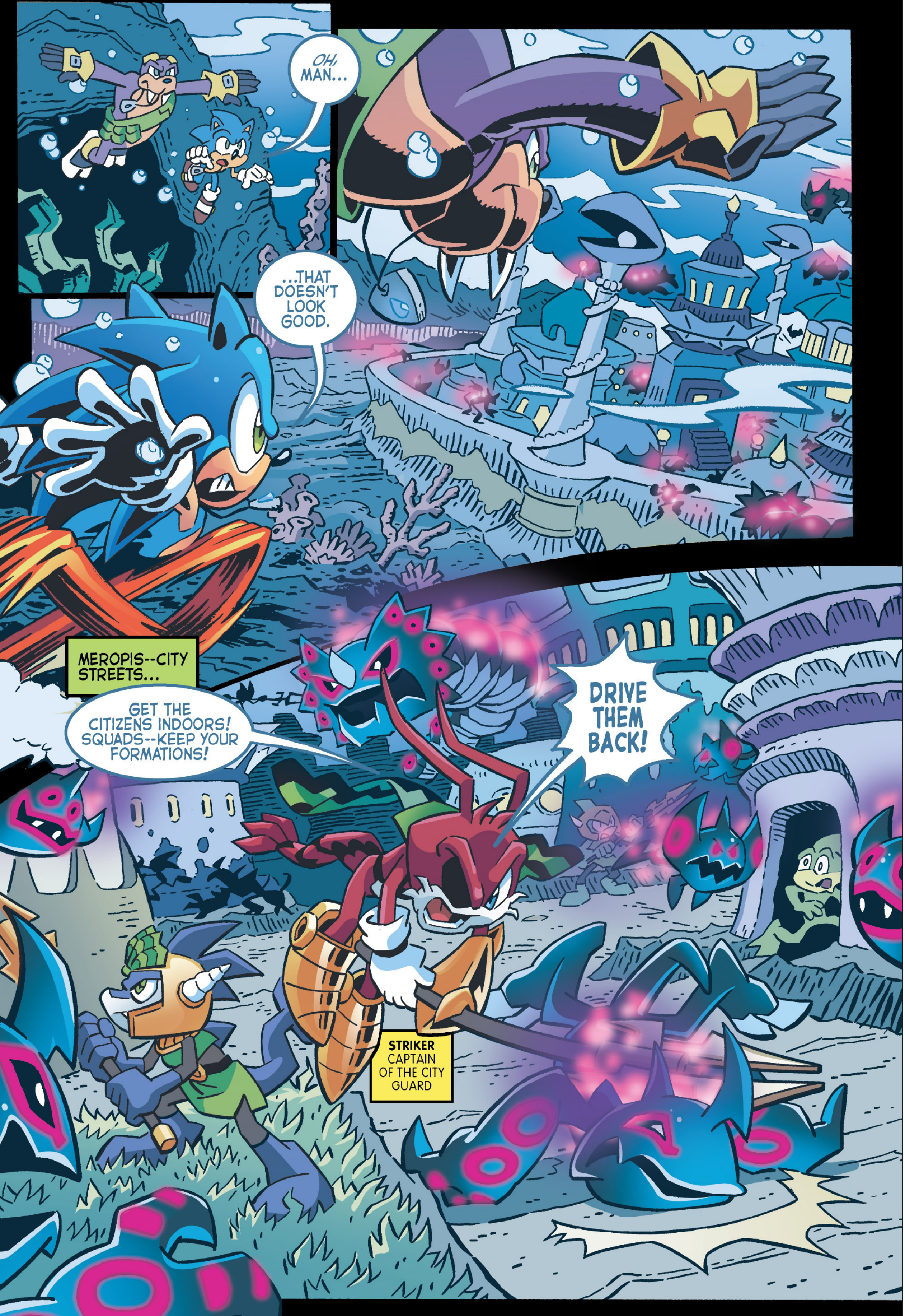
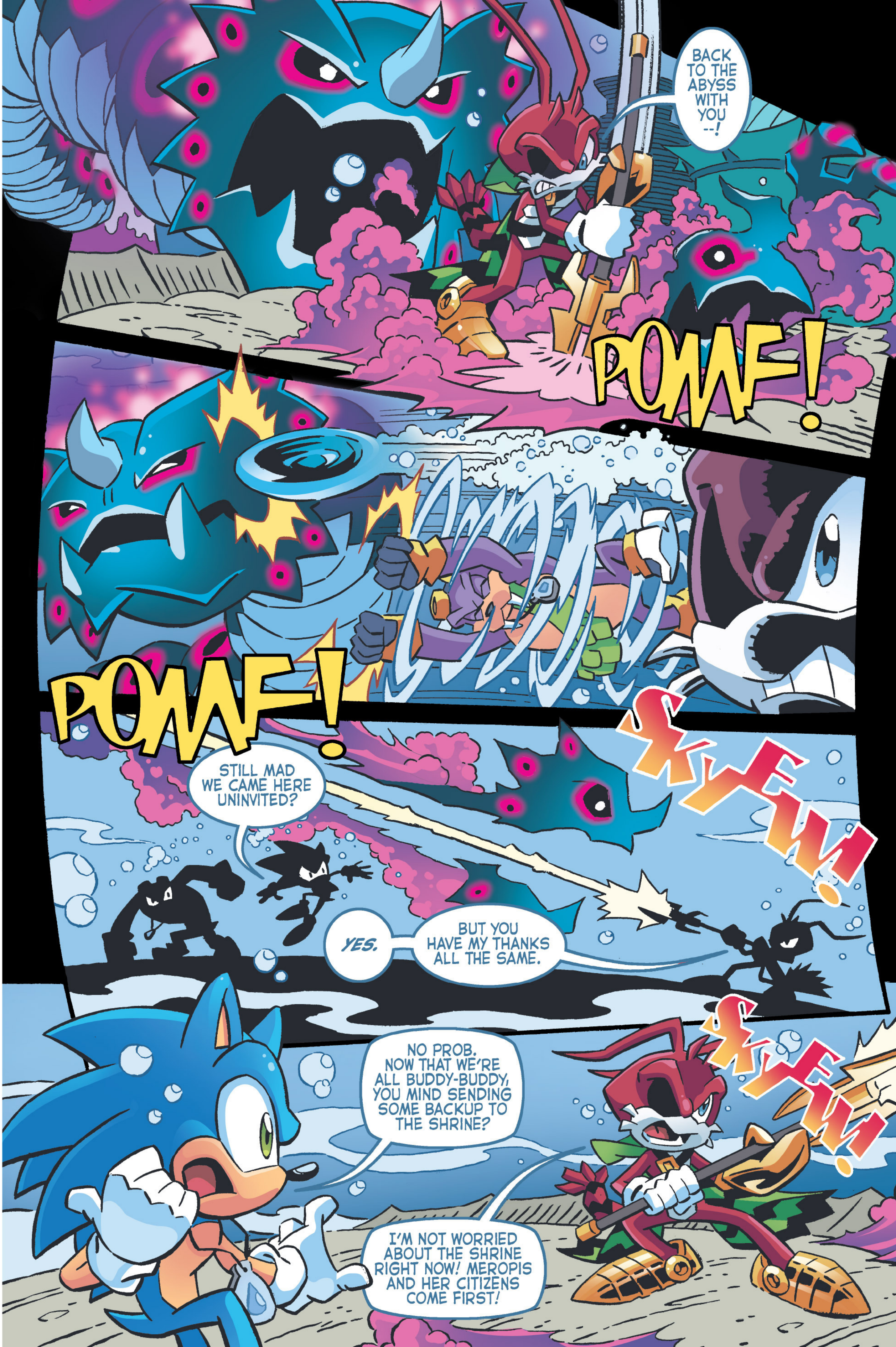
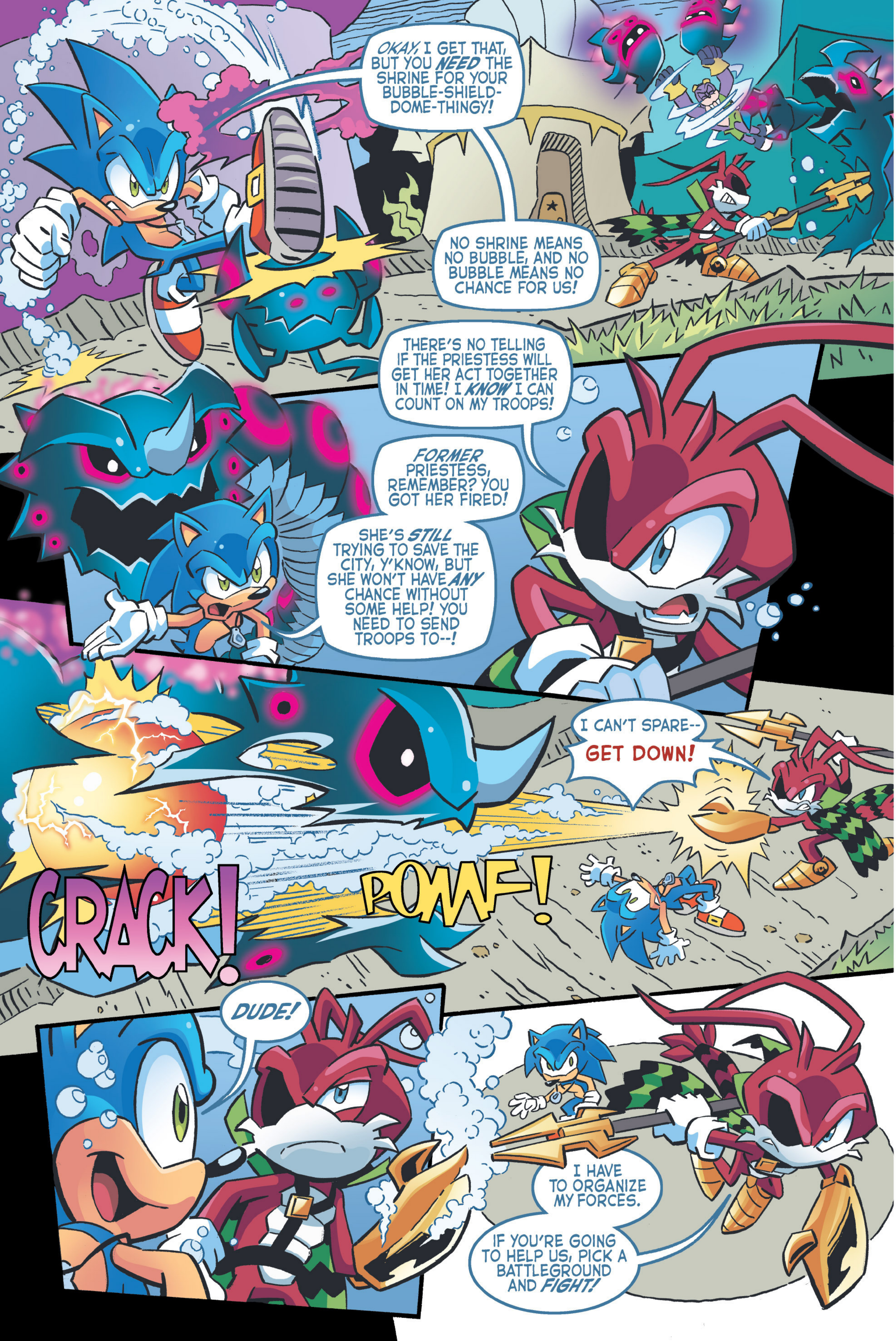
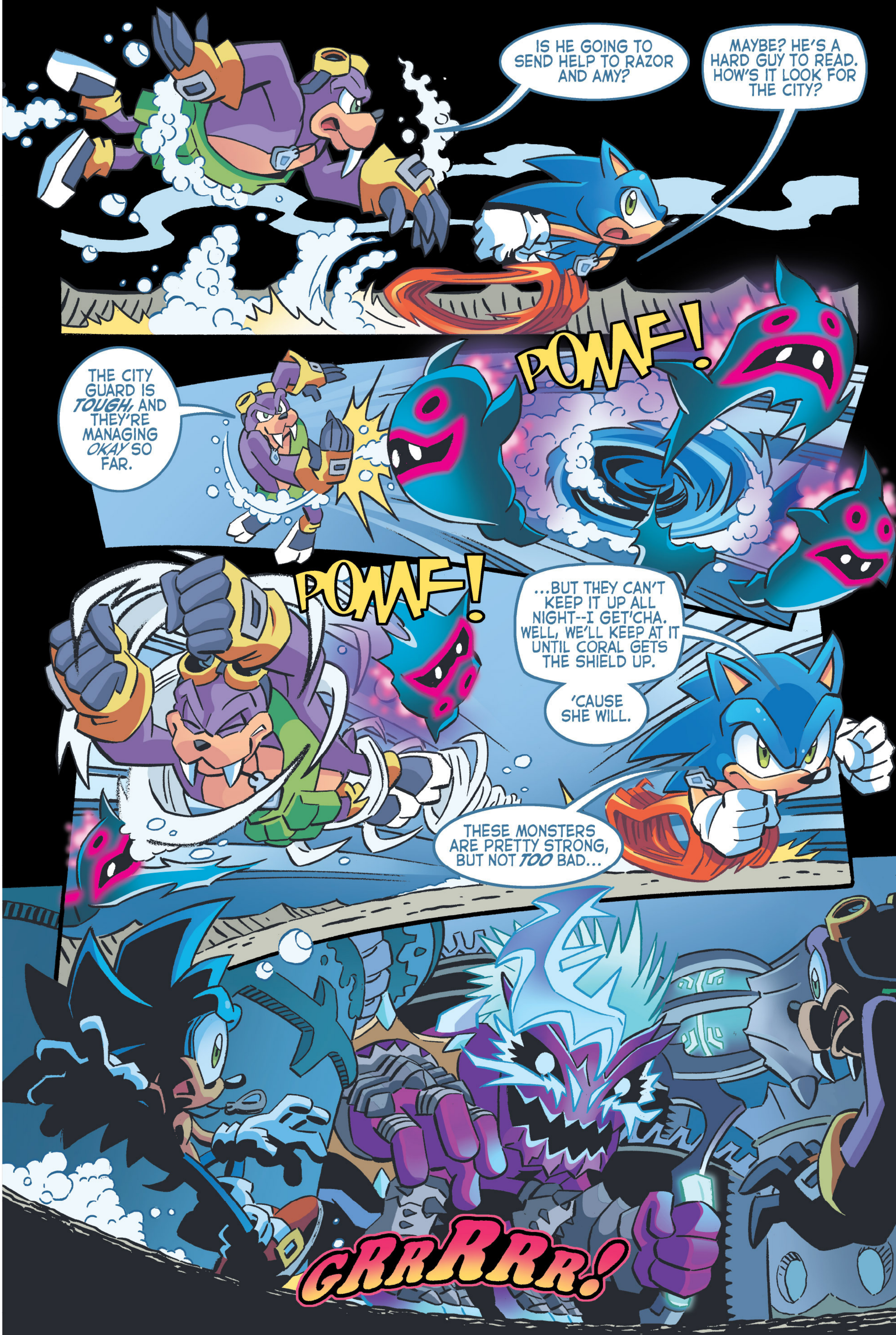

POMF!
WHA--?! IS THAT NORMAL --?
POMF!
NO IDEA! IT'S LIKE THEY'RE *MADE* OF THE GUNK THAT'S BEEN SEEPING OUT OF THE PLANET!
BUT THEN--*SONIC!* YOU *BREATHED IN* THAT STUFF WHEN--!*
NOT NOW!
BUT WHAT IF --?!
NOT A PRIORITY RIGHT NOW, AMY!
POMF!
*STH VOL. 1 GN.
POMF!
THERE! THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM!
NO...
...THERE WILL BE MORE. *MANY* MORE. THEY COME FROM THE ANOSTOS RIFT BY THE HUNDREDS EVERY NIGHT...
CORAL PRIESTESS UNDER PRESSURE
PEARLY PRIESTESS IN TRAINING

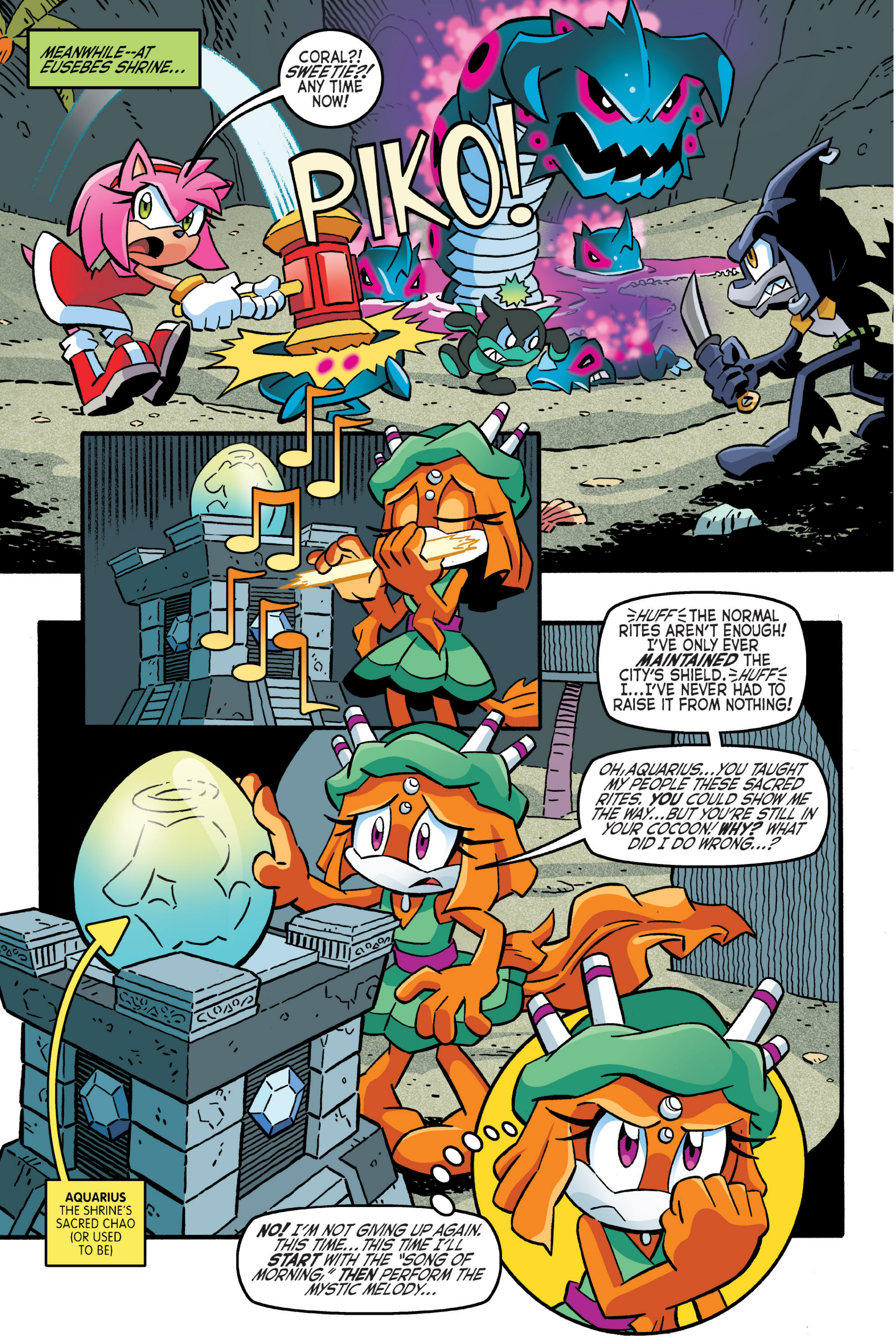

...AND THE SHIELD THAT PROTECTED US ALL IS GONE. BECAUSE OF *ME.*
ENOUGH OF THAT! *NONE* OF THIS--THE MONSTERS, THE POLLUTION, THE EARTHQUAKES--IS YOUR FAULT!
THE JERKS IN MEROPIS HAVE BEEN STRESSING YOU OUT FOR WEEKS OVER! IT'S *THEIR* FAULT THEY BROKE *YOUR* FOCUS!
YOU CAN STILL PERFORM THE SACRED RITES. YOU CAN *STILL* BRING THE SHIELD UP. I *KNOW* YOU CAN.
...YOU'VE NEVER LOST FAITH IN ME.
YOU'VE NEVER LOST FAITH IN *ME.*
THEN IT'S NOT A MATTER OF "I CAN." IT'S THAT "I MUST."
HOLD ON A MINUTE--IF THOSE THINGS ARE ATTACKING *HERE,* THAT MEANS THE CITY'S GOTTA BE *OVERRUN!* WE'VE GOTTA HELP!
I'M NOT LEAVING CORAL.
HE'S RIGHT--THERE WILL BE MORE MONSTERS. I'LL STAY HERE AND BACK UP RAZOR. YOU AND ROTOR GO DO YOUR HERO THING.
ALWAYS DO. STAY SAFE.
YOU, TOO, HANDSOME.
HERE'S AN AIR CHARM, BUDDY.
AIR CHARM LETS YOU BREATHE UNDERWATER
LET'S GO RESCUE SOME FISHY FOLKS!
NEXT BEST THING TO GILLS!

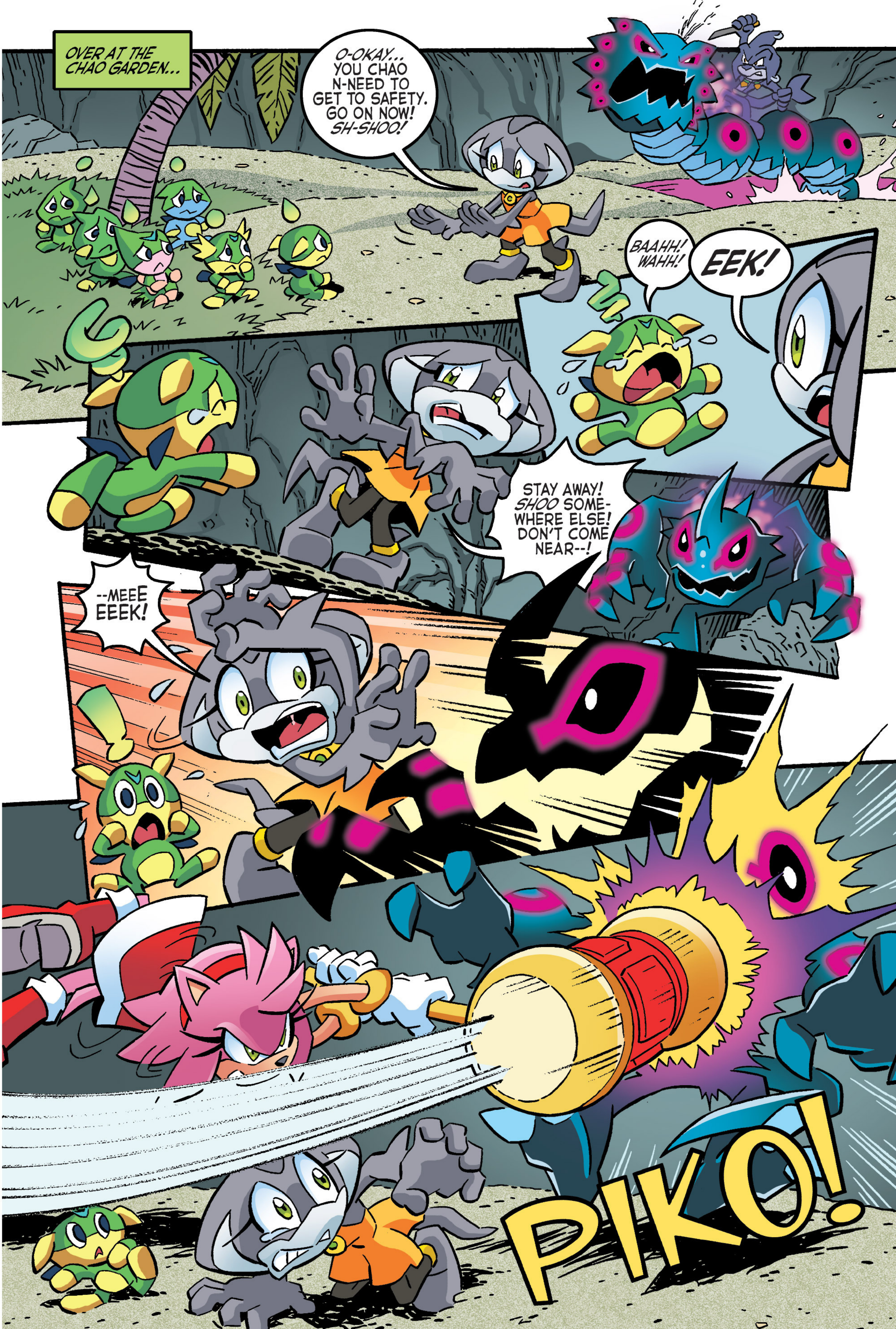

OH, MAN...
...THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
MEROPIS--CITY STREETS...
GET THE CITIZENS INDOORS! SQUADS--KEEP YOUR FORMATIONS!
DRIVE THEM BACK!
STRIKER CAPTAIN OF THE CITY GUARD

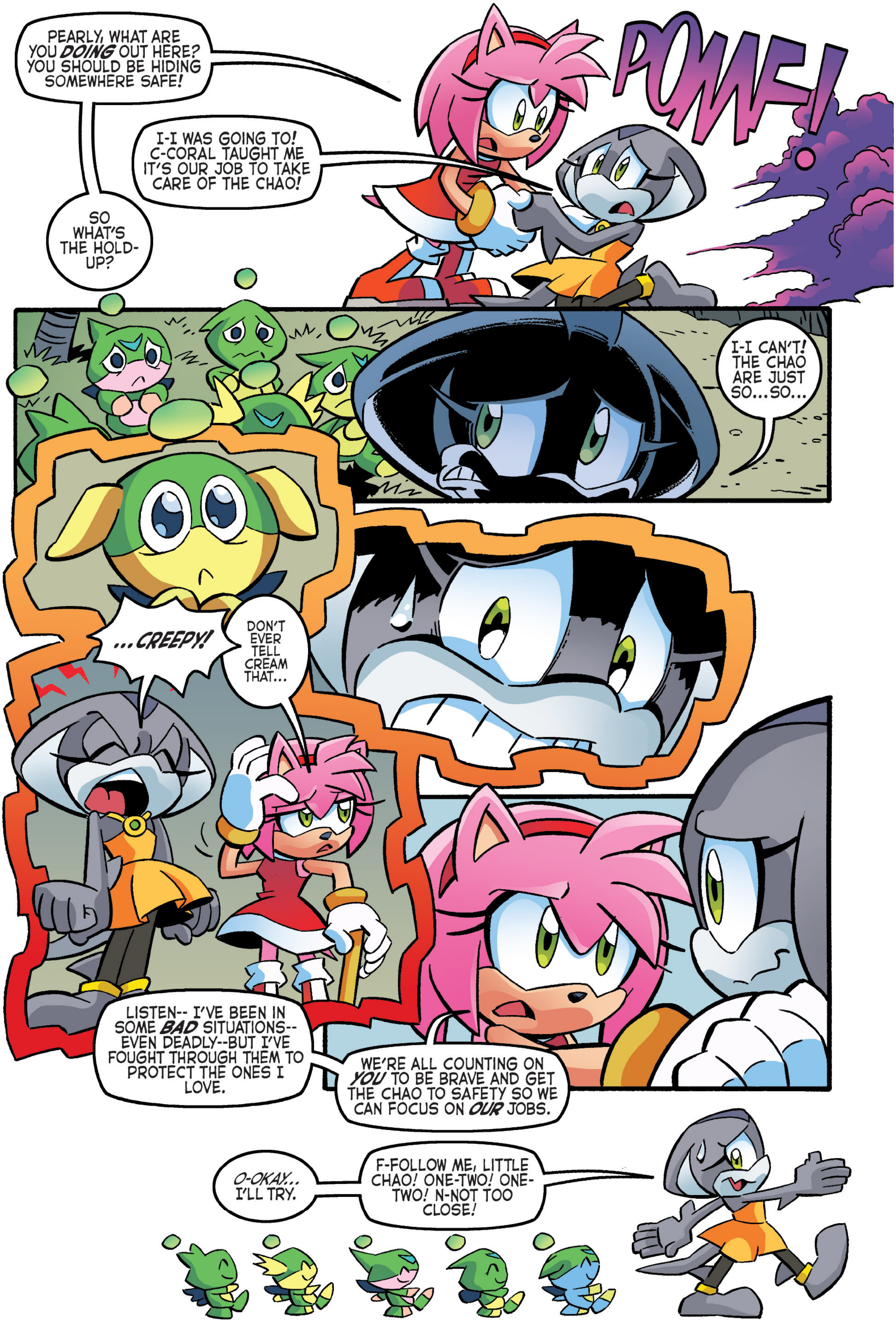

BACK TO THE ABYSS WITH YOU --!
POMF!
POMF!
SHFEW!
STILL MAD WE CAME HERE UNINVITED?
YES.
BUT YOU HAVE MY THANKS ALL THE SAME.
SHFEW!
NO PROB. NOW THAT WE'RE ALL BUDDY-BUDDY, YOU MIND SENDING SOME BACKUP TO THE SHRINE?
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE SHRINE RIGHT NOW! MEROPIS AND HER CITIZENS COME FIRST!

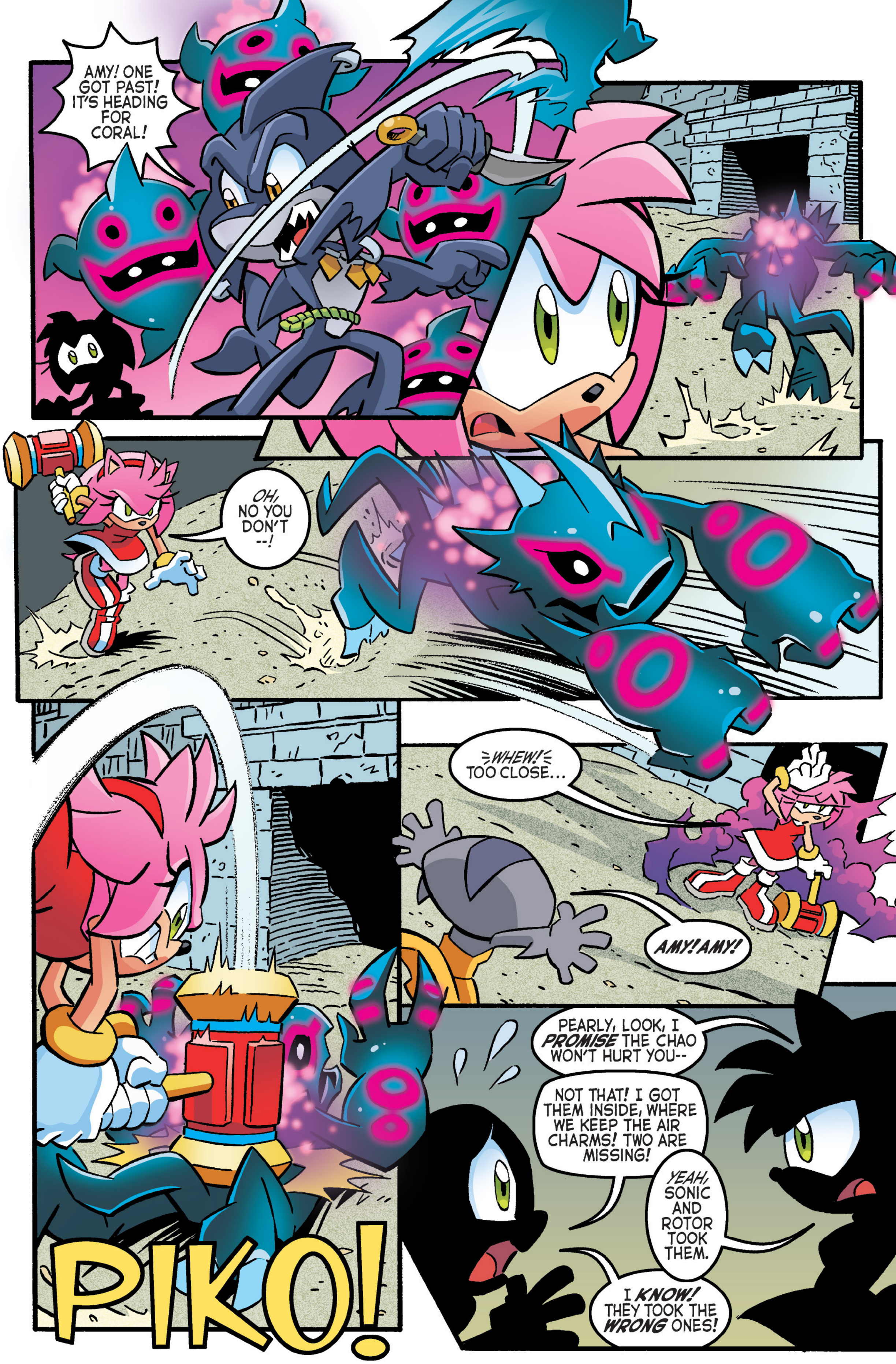

OKAY, I GET THAT, BUT YOU NEED THE SHRINE FOR YOUR BUBBLE-SHIELD-DOME-THINGY!
NO SHRINE MEANS NO BUBBLE, AND NO BUBBLE MEANS NO CHANCE FOR US!
THERE'S NO TELLING IF THE PRIESTESS WILL GET HER ACT TOGETHER IN TIME! I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON MY TROOPS!
FORMER PRIESTESS, REMEMBER? YOU GOT HER FIRED!
SHE'S STILL TRYING TO SAVE THE CITY, Y'KNOW, BUT SHE WON'T HAVE ANY CHANCE WITHOUT SOME HELP! YOU NEED TO SEND TROOPS TO--!
I CAN'T SPARE-- GET DOWN!
CRACK!
POWF!
DUDE!
I HAVE TO ORGANIZE MY FORCES.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US, PICK A BATTLEGROUND AND FIGHT!

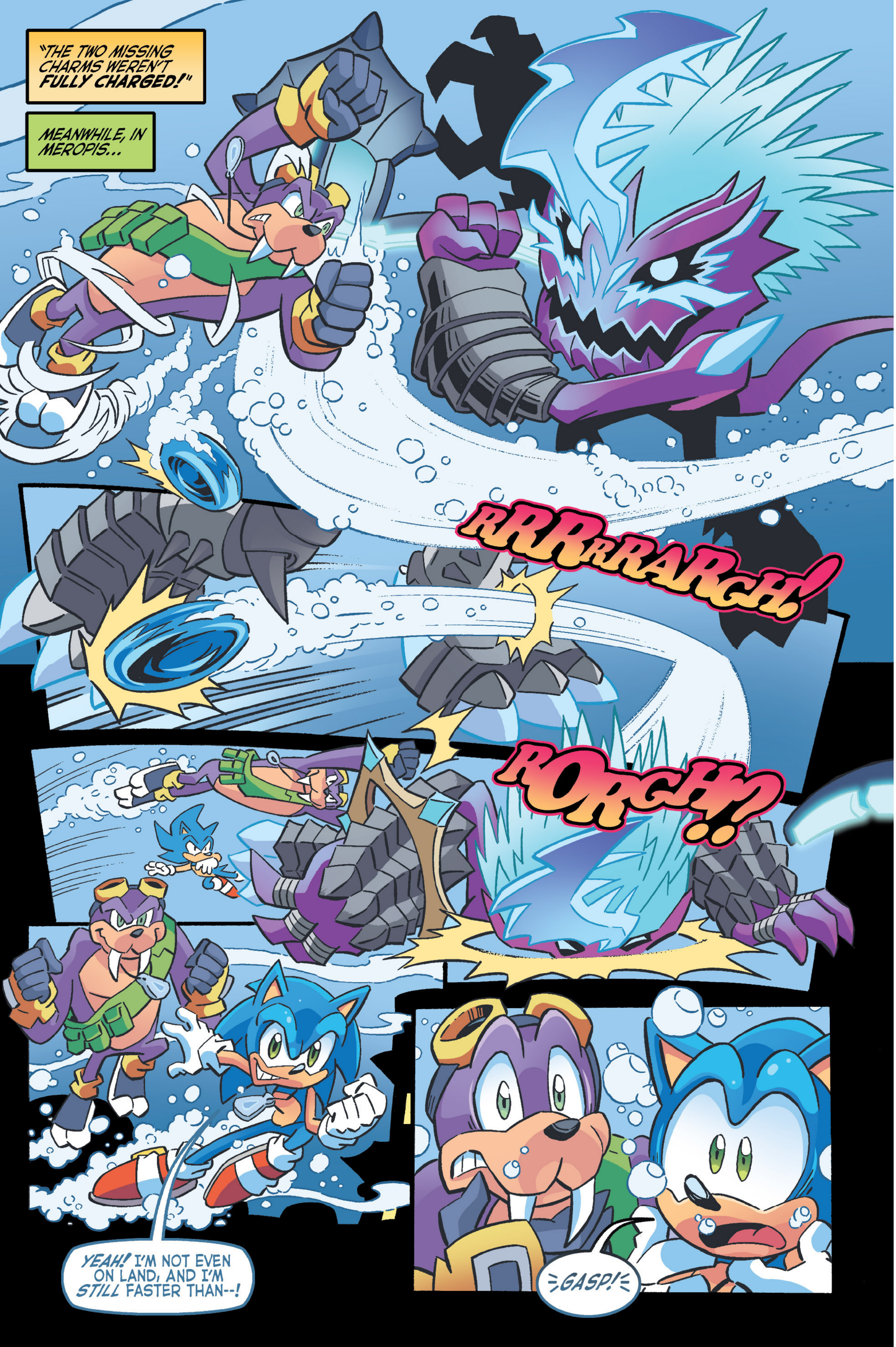

IS HE GOING TO SEND HELP TO RAZOR AND AMY?
MAYBE? HE'S A HARD GUY TO READ. HOW'S IT LOOK FOR THE CITY?
THE CITY GUARD IS *TOUGH,* AND THEY'RE MANAGING *OKAY* SO FAR.
POWF!
POWF!
...BUT THEY CAN'T KEEP IT UP ALL NIGHT--I GET'CHA. WELL, WE'LL KEEP AT IT UNTIL CORAL GETS THE SHIELD UP.
'CAUSE SHE WILL.
THESE MONSTERS ARE PRETTY STRONG, BUT NOT *TOO* BAD...
GRRRRRR!

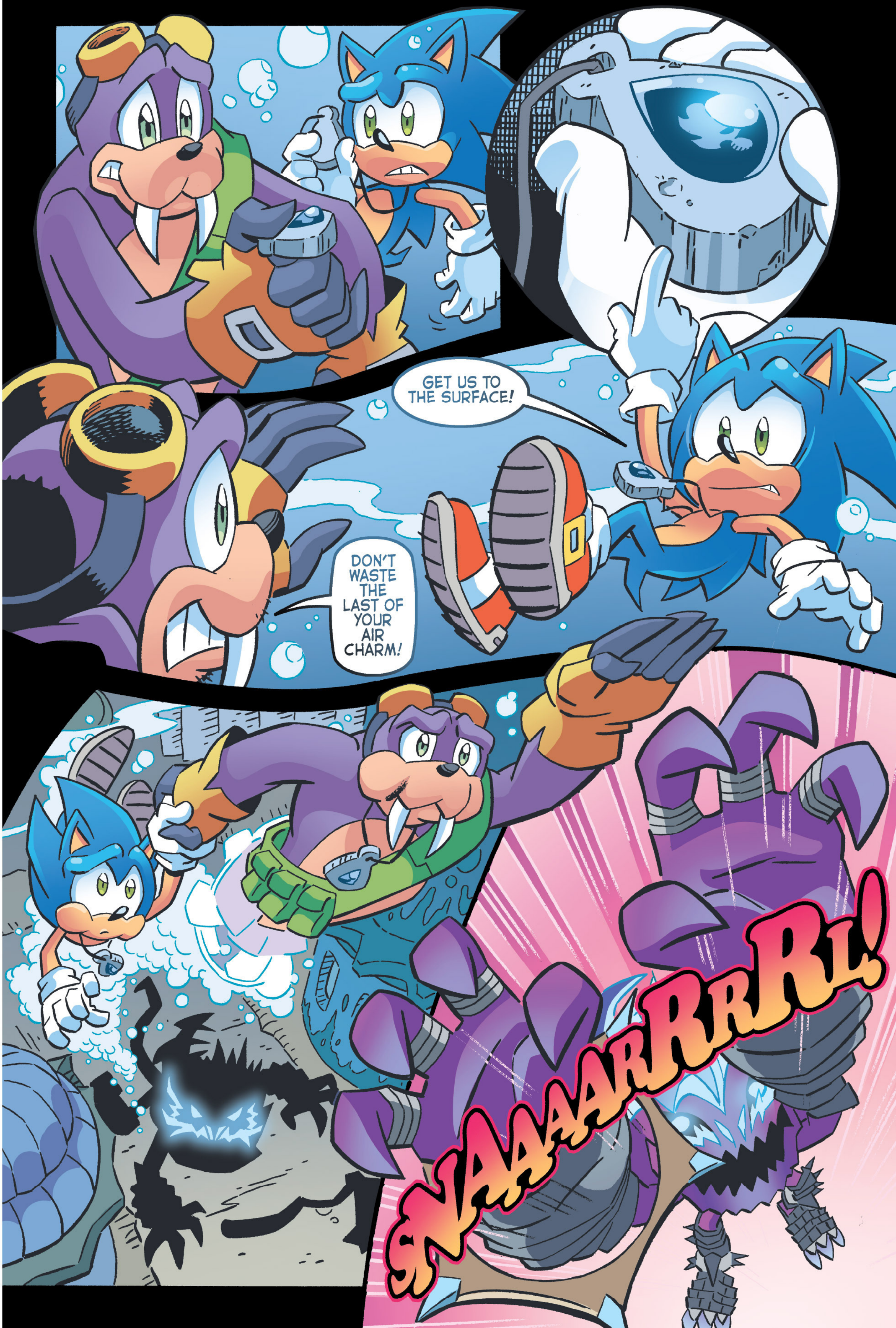

MEANWHILE--AT EUSEBES SHRINE...
CORAL?! SWEETIE?! ANY TIME NOW!
PIKO!
≷HUFF≶ THE NORMAL RITES AREN'T ENOUGH! I'VE ONLY EVER MAINTAINED THE CITY'S SHIELD. ≷HUFF≶ I...I'VE NEVER HAD TO RAISE IT FROM NOTHING!
OH, AQUARIUS...YOU TAUGHT MY PEOPLE THESE SACRED RITES. YOU COULD SHOW ME THE WAY...BUT YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR COCOON! WHY? WHAT DID I DO WRONG...?
AQUARIUS THE SHRINE'S SACRED CHAO (OR USED TO BE)
NO! I'M NOT GIVING UP AGAIN. THIS TIME...THIS TIME I'LL START WITH THE "SONG OF MORNING," THEN PERFORM THE MYSTIC MELODY...

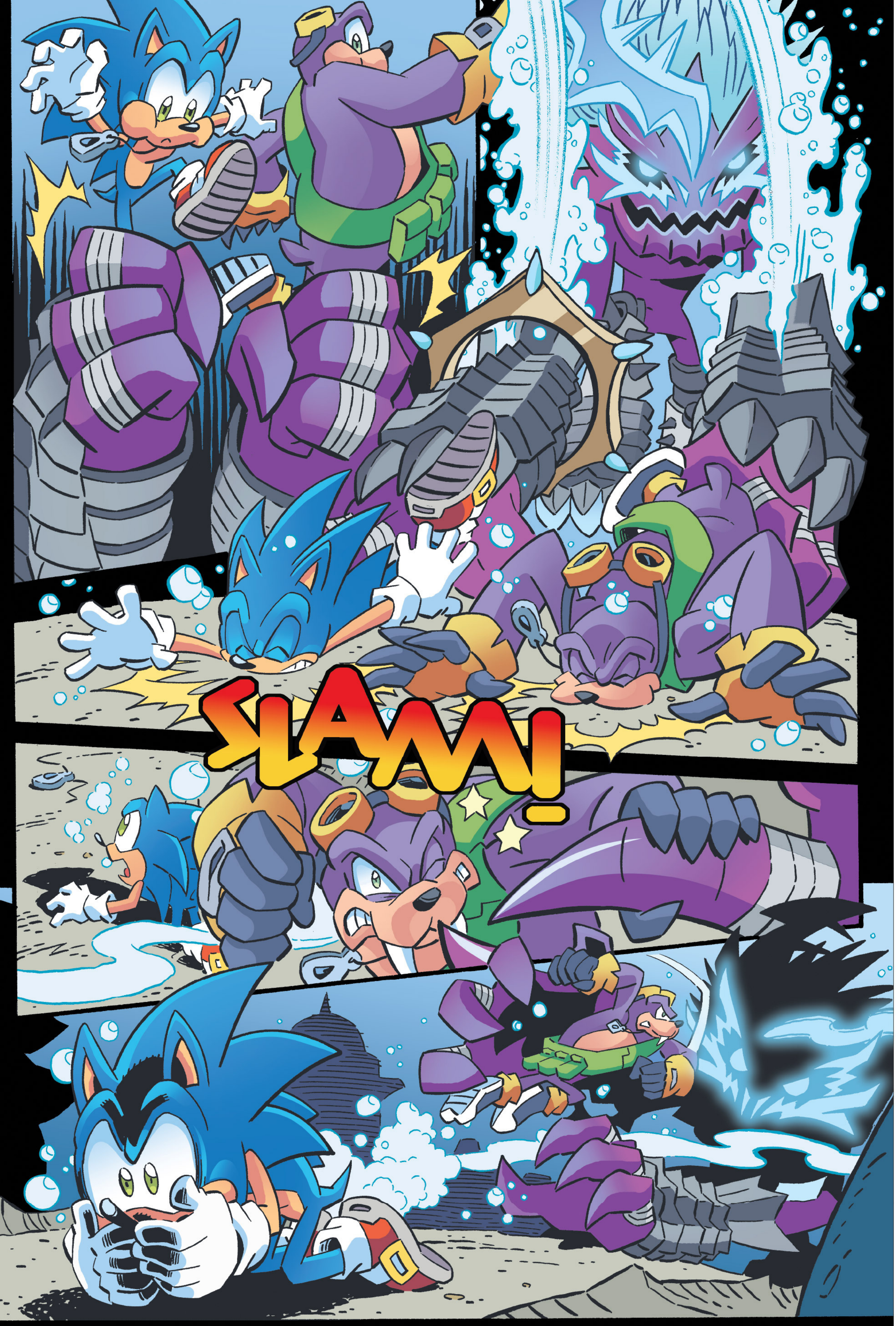

OVER AT THE CHAO GARDEN...
O-OKAY... YOU CHAO N-NEED TO GET TO SAFETY. GO ON NOW! SH-SHOO!
BAAHH! WAHH!
EEK!
STAY AWAY! SHOO SOMEWHERE ELSE! DON'T COME NEAR--!
--MEEE EEEK!
PIKO!

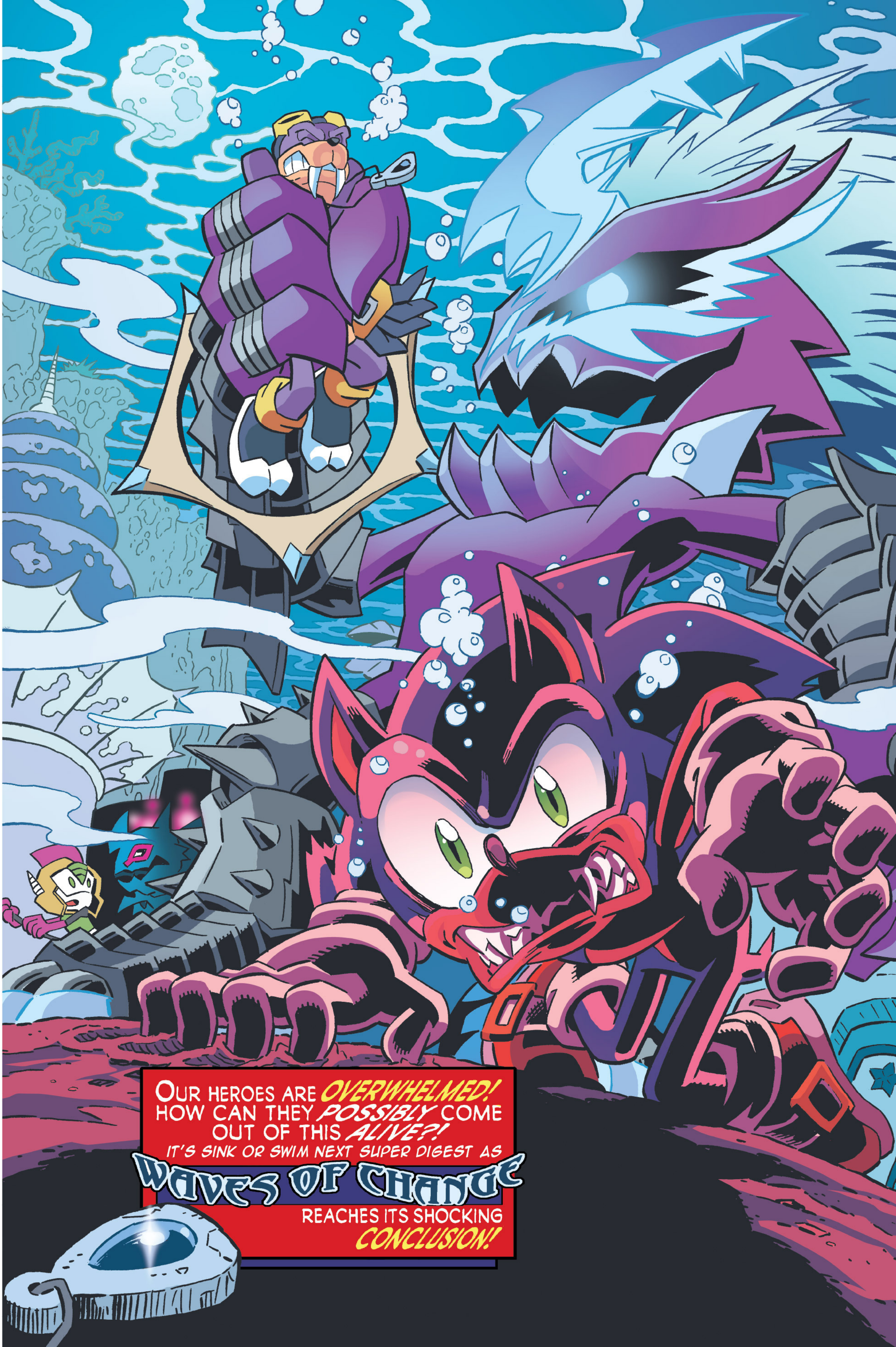

PEARLY, WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* OUT HERE? YOU SHOULD BE HIDING SOMEWHERE SAFE!
POMF!
I-I WAS GOING TO! C-CORAL TAUGHT ME IT'S OUR JOB TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHAO!
SO WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?
I-I CAN'T! THE CHAO ARE JUST SO...SO...
...CREEPY!
DON'T EVER TELL CREAM THAT...
LISTEN-- I'VE BEEN IN SOME *BAD* SITUATIONS-- EVEN DEADLY--BUT I'VE FOUGHT THROUGH THEM TO PROTECT THE ONES I LOVE.
WE'RE ALL COUNTING ON *YOU* TO BE BRAVE AND GET THE CHAO TO SAFETY SO WE CAN FOCUS ON *OUR* JOBS.
O-OKAY... I'LL TRY.
F-FOLLOW ME, LITTLE CHAO! ONE-TWO! ONE-TWO! N-NOT TOO CLOSE!


AMY! ONE GOT PAST! IT'S HEADING FOR CORAL!
OH, NO YOU DON'T --!
PIKO!
≡WHEW!≡ TOO CLOSE...
AMY! AMY!
PEARLY, LOOK, I PROMISE THE CHAO WON'T HURT YOU--
NOT THAT! I GOT THEM INSIDE, WHERE WE KEEP THE AIR CHARMS! TWO ARE MISSING!
YEAH, SONIC AND ROTOR TOOK THEM.
I KNOW! THEY TOOK THE WRONG ONES!

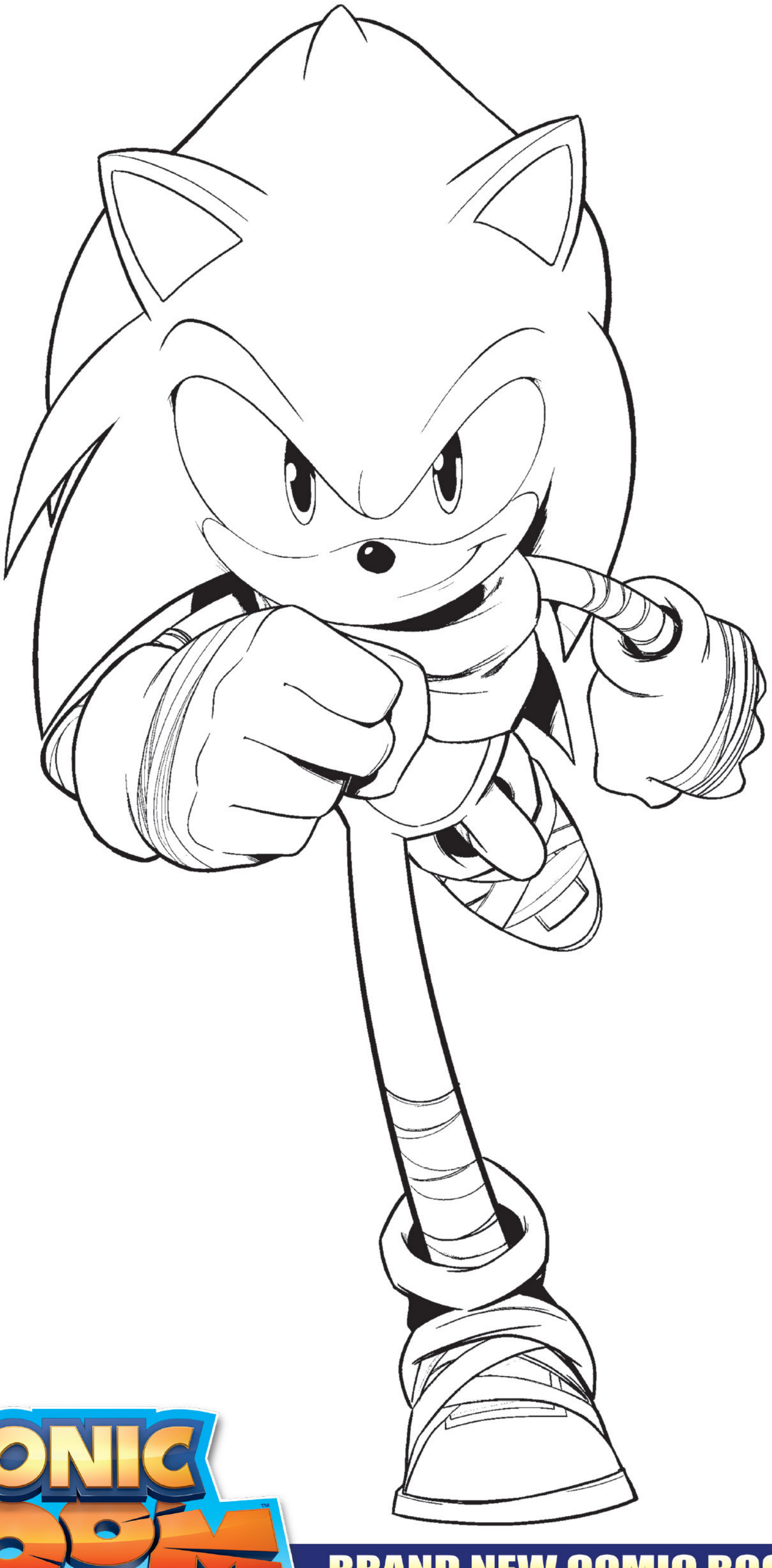

"THE TWO MISSING CHARMS WEREN'T **FULLY CHARGED!**"
MEANWHILE, IN MEROPIS...
RRRrRRARGH!
RORGH!?
YEAH! I'M NOT EVEN ON LAND, AND I'M *STILL* FASTER THAN--!
GASP!


GET US TO THE SURFACE!
DON'T WASTE THE LAST OF YOUR AIR CHARM!
SNAAAARRRRL!


SLAM!


OUR HEROES ARE *OVERWHELMED!* HOW CAN THEY *POSSIBLY* COME OUT OF THIS *ALIVE?!*
IT'S SINK OR SWIM NEXT SUPER DIGEST AS
WAVES OF CHANGE
REACHES ITS SHOCKING *CONCLUSION!*

SONIC SUPER DIGEST COLORING PAGE!



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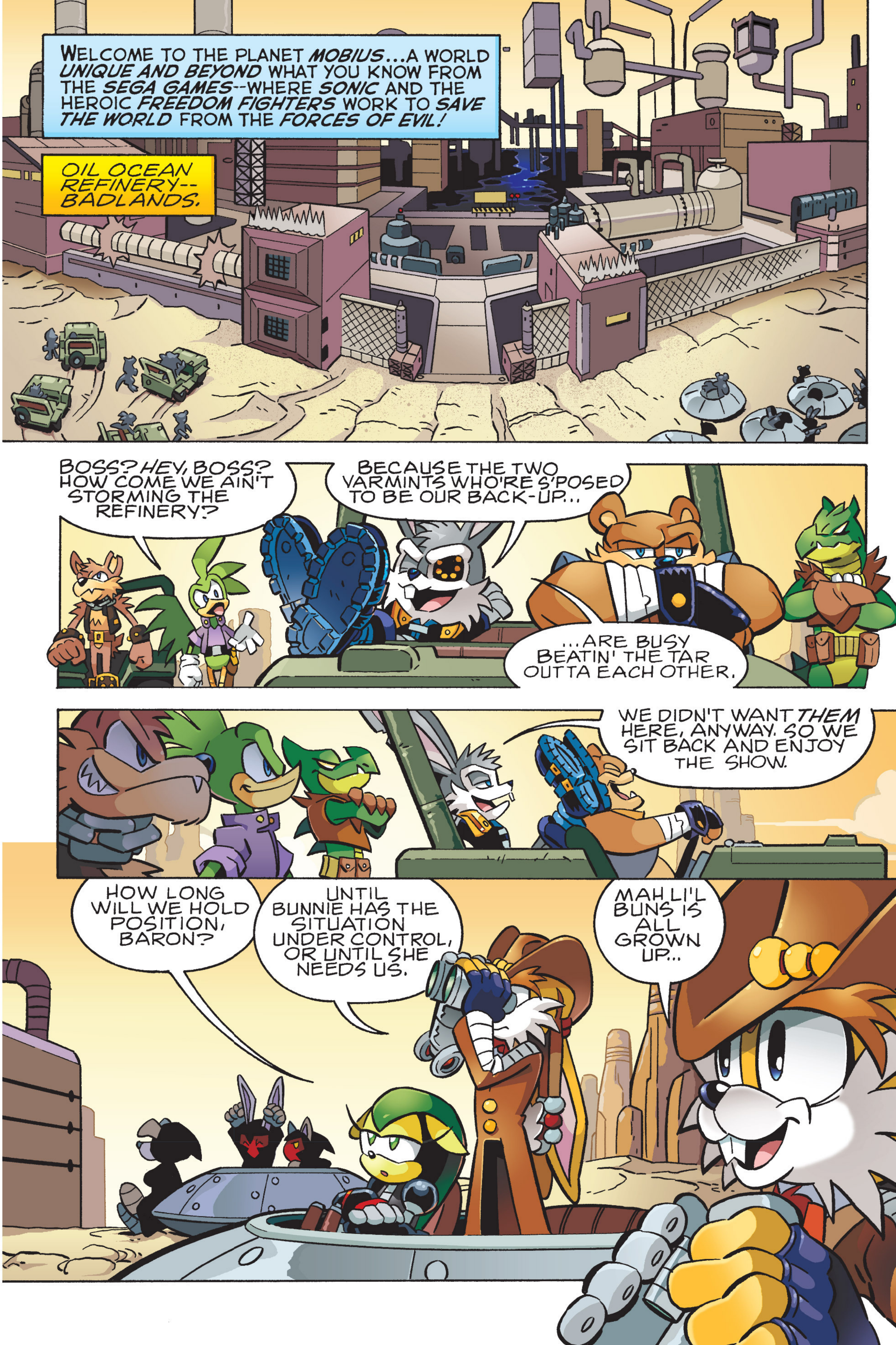
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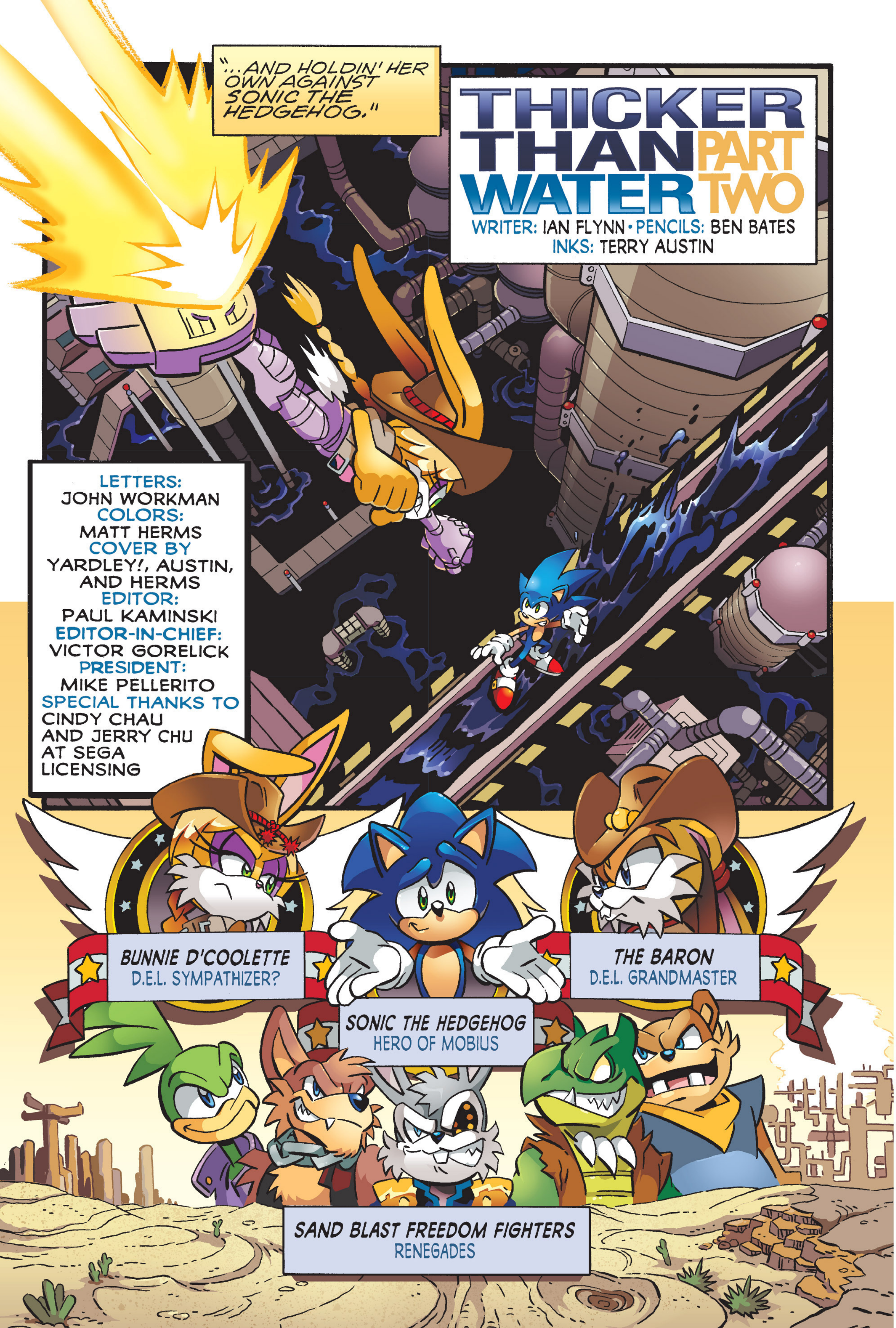
OIL OCEAN REFINERY--BADLANDS.
BOSS? *HEY,* BOSS? HOW COME WE AIN'T STORMING THE REFINERY?
BECAUSE THE TWO VARMINTS WHO'RE S'POSED TO BE OUR BACK-UP...
...ARE BUSY BEATIN' THE TAR OUTTA EACH OTHER.
WE DIDN'T WANT *THEM* HERE, ANYWAY. SO WE SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW.
HOW LONG WILL WE HOLD POSITION, BARON?
UNTIL BUNNIE HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, OR UNTIL SHE NEEDS US.
MAH LI'L BUNS IS ALL GROWN UP...


"...AND HOLDIN' HER OWN AGAINST SONIC THE HEDGEHOG."
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE
D.E.L. SYMPATHIZER?
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS
THE BARON
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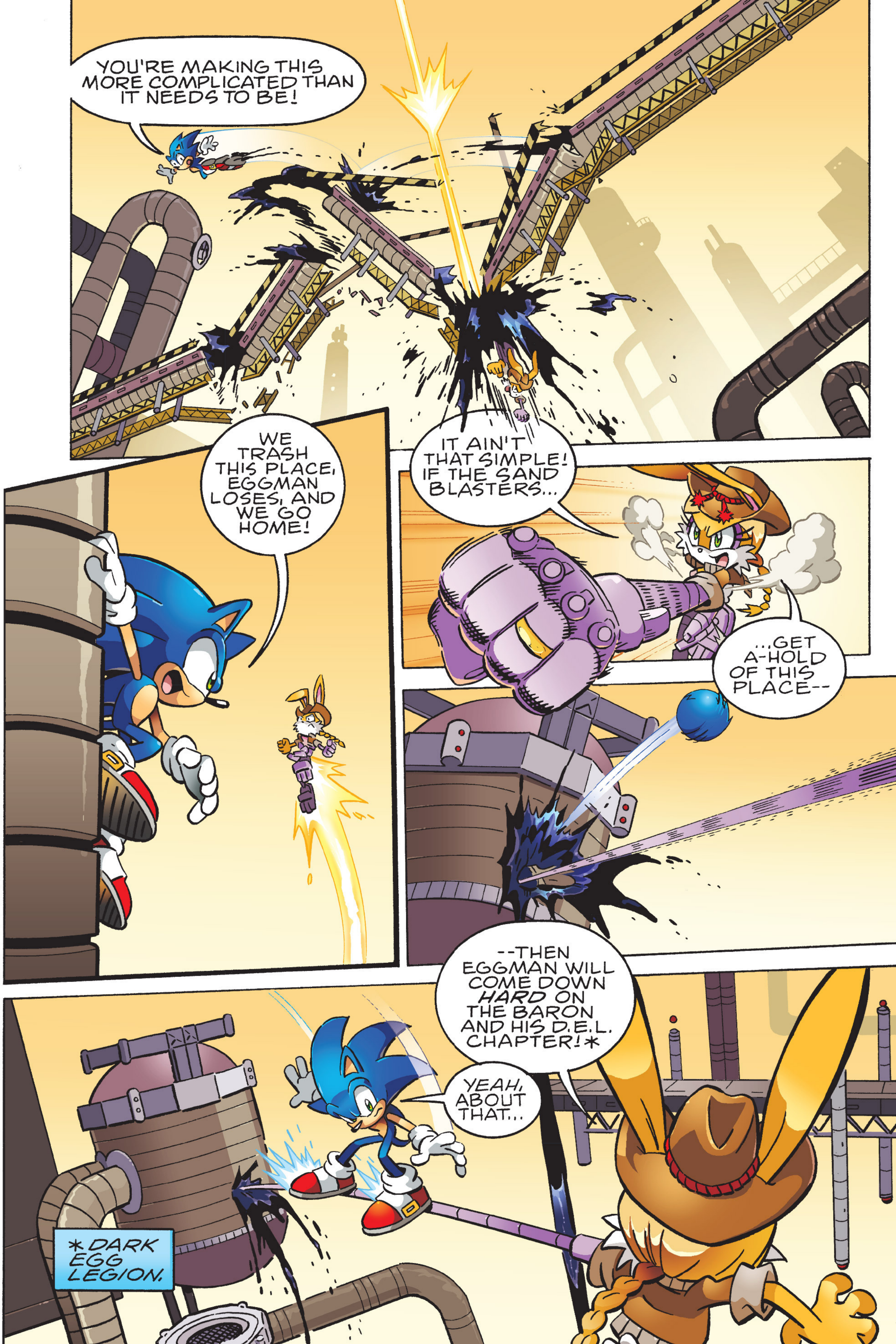
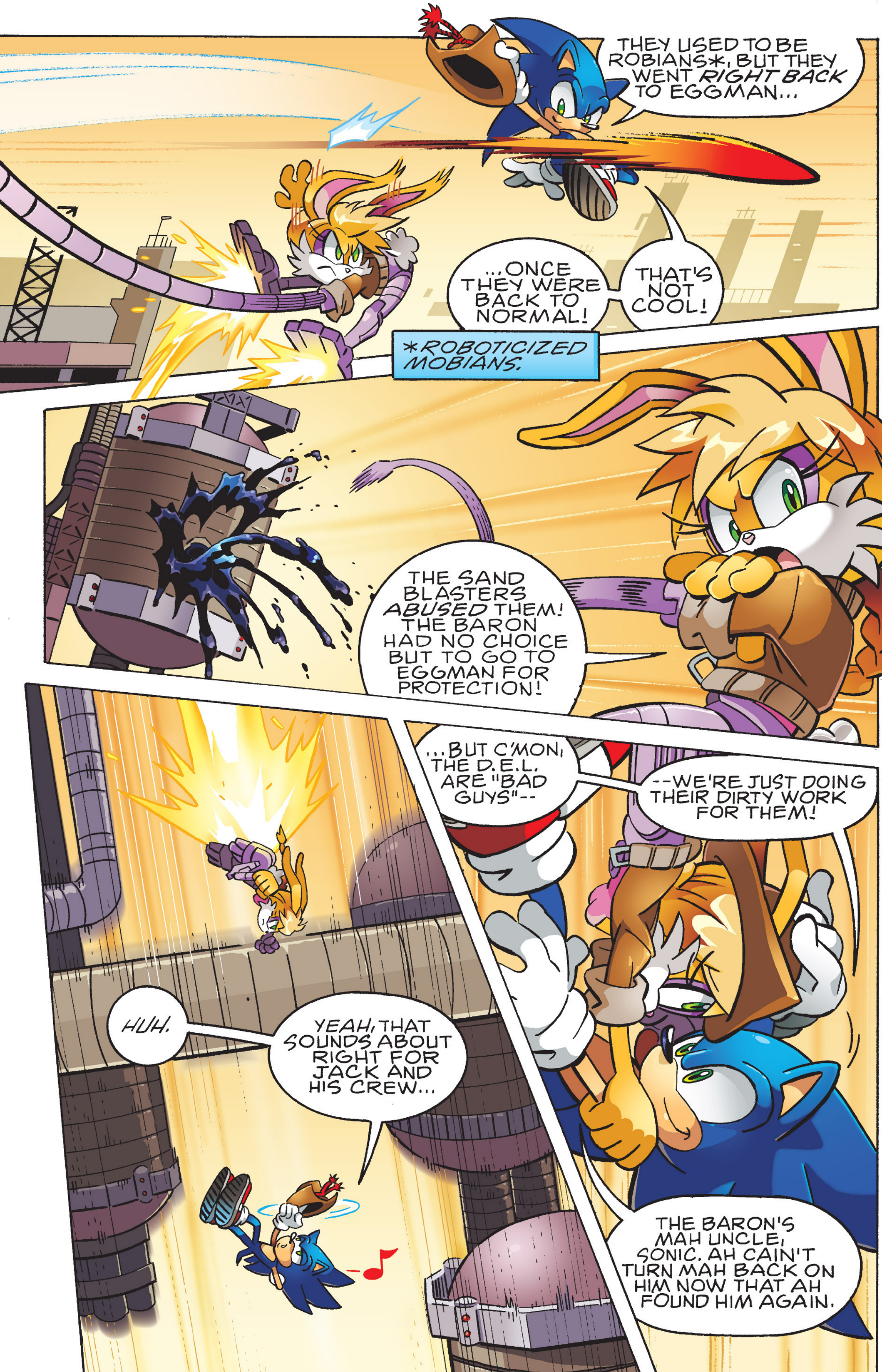
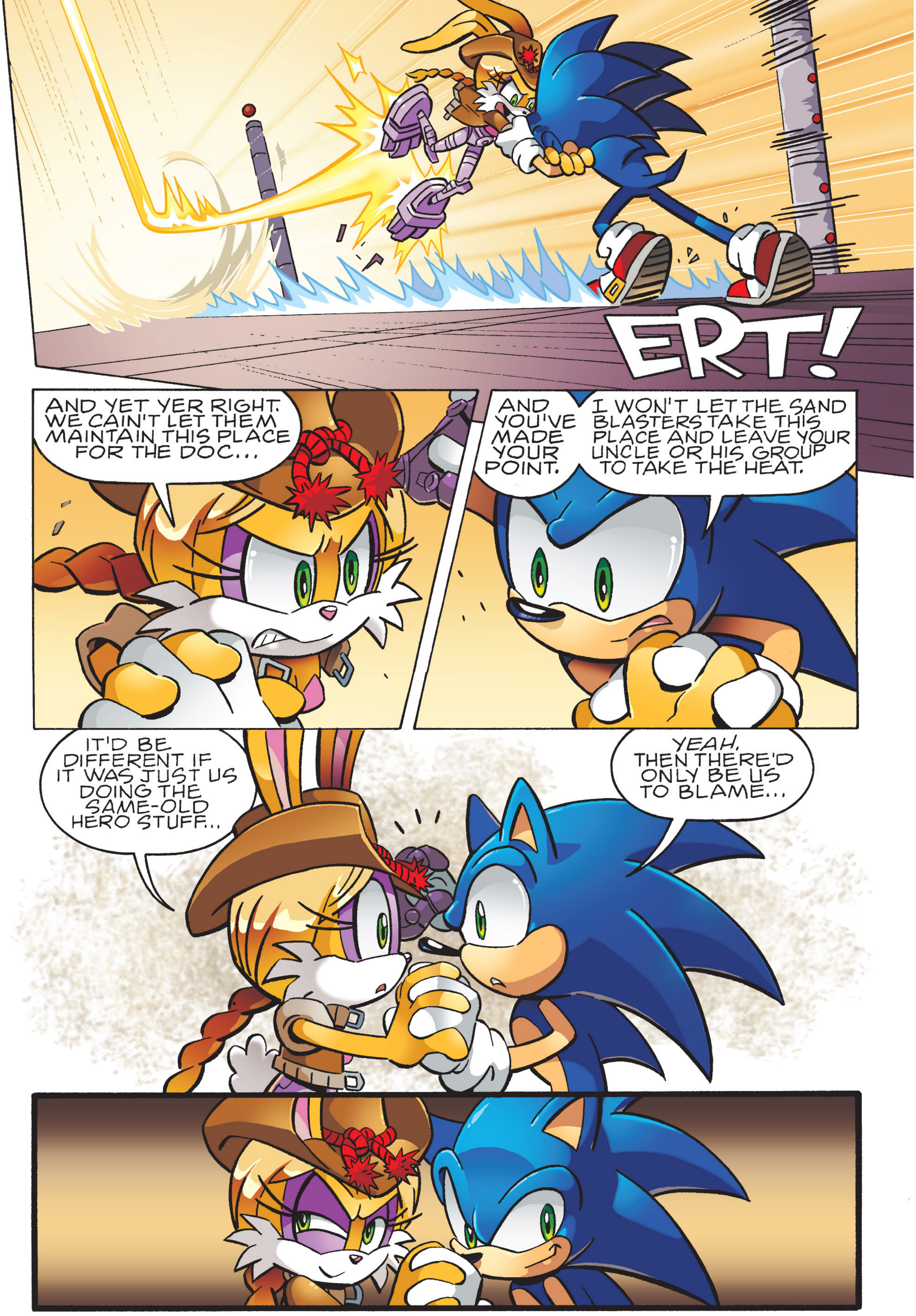
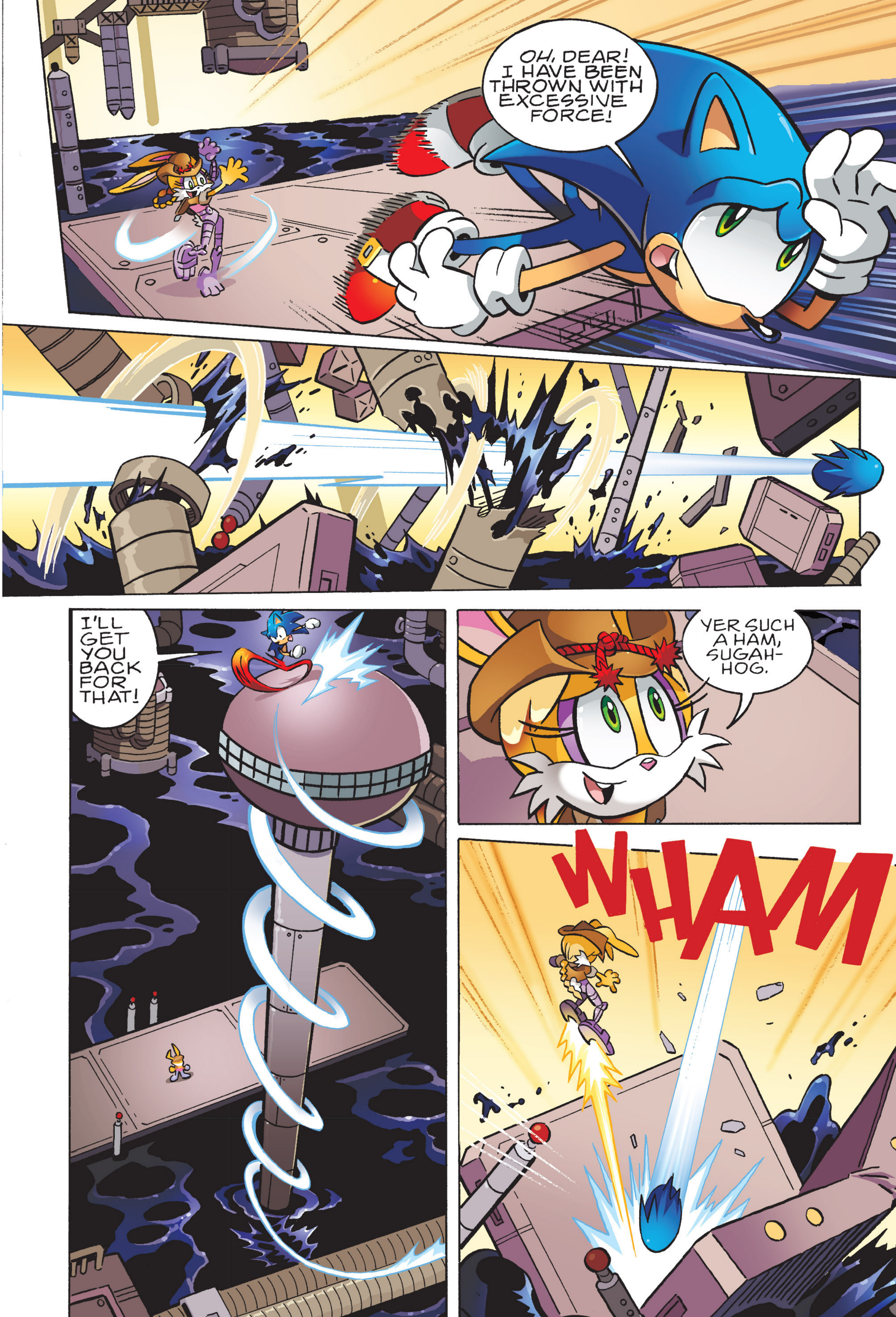
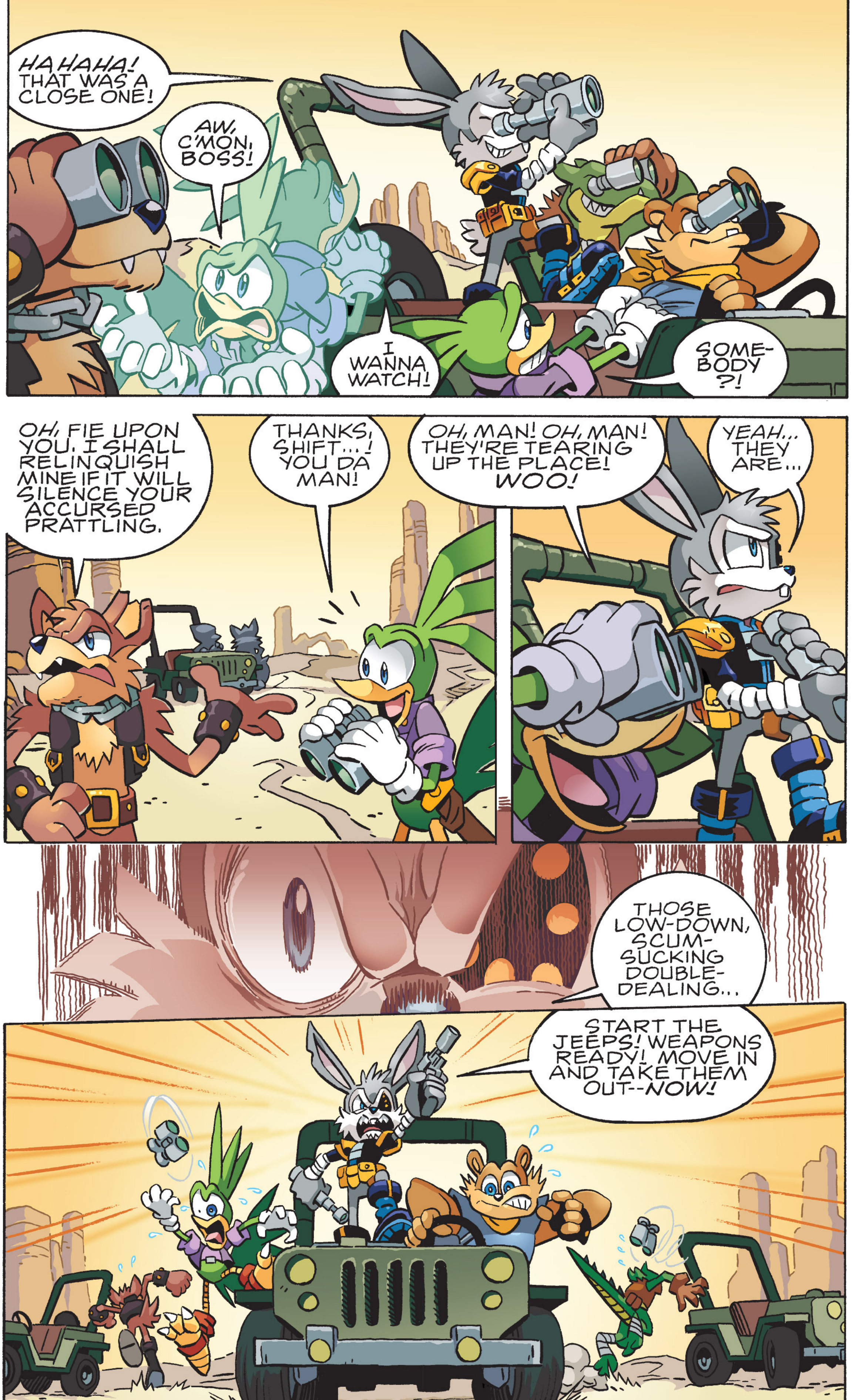
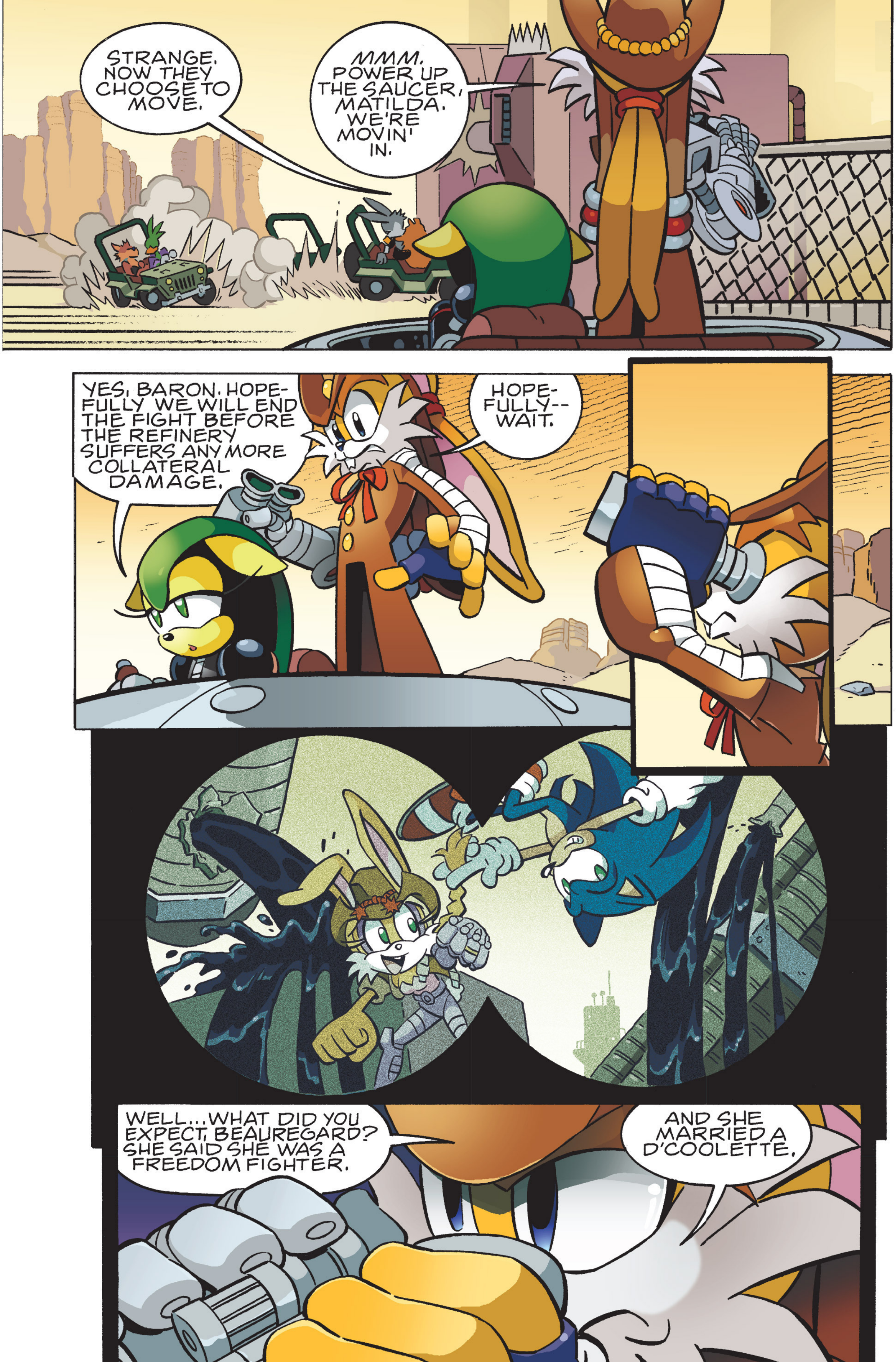

YOU'RE MAKING THIS MORE COMPLICATED THAN IT NEEDS TO BE!
WE TRASH THIS PLACE, EGGMAN LOSES, AND WE GO HOME!
IT AIN'T THAT SIMPLE! IF THE SAND BLASTERS...
...GET A-HOLD OF THIS PLACE--
--THEN EGGMAN WILL COME DOWN *HARD* ON THE BARON AND HIS D.E.L. CHAPTER!*
YEAH, ABOUT THAT...
*DARK EGG LEGION.

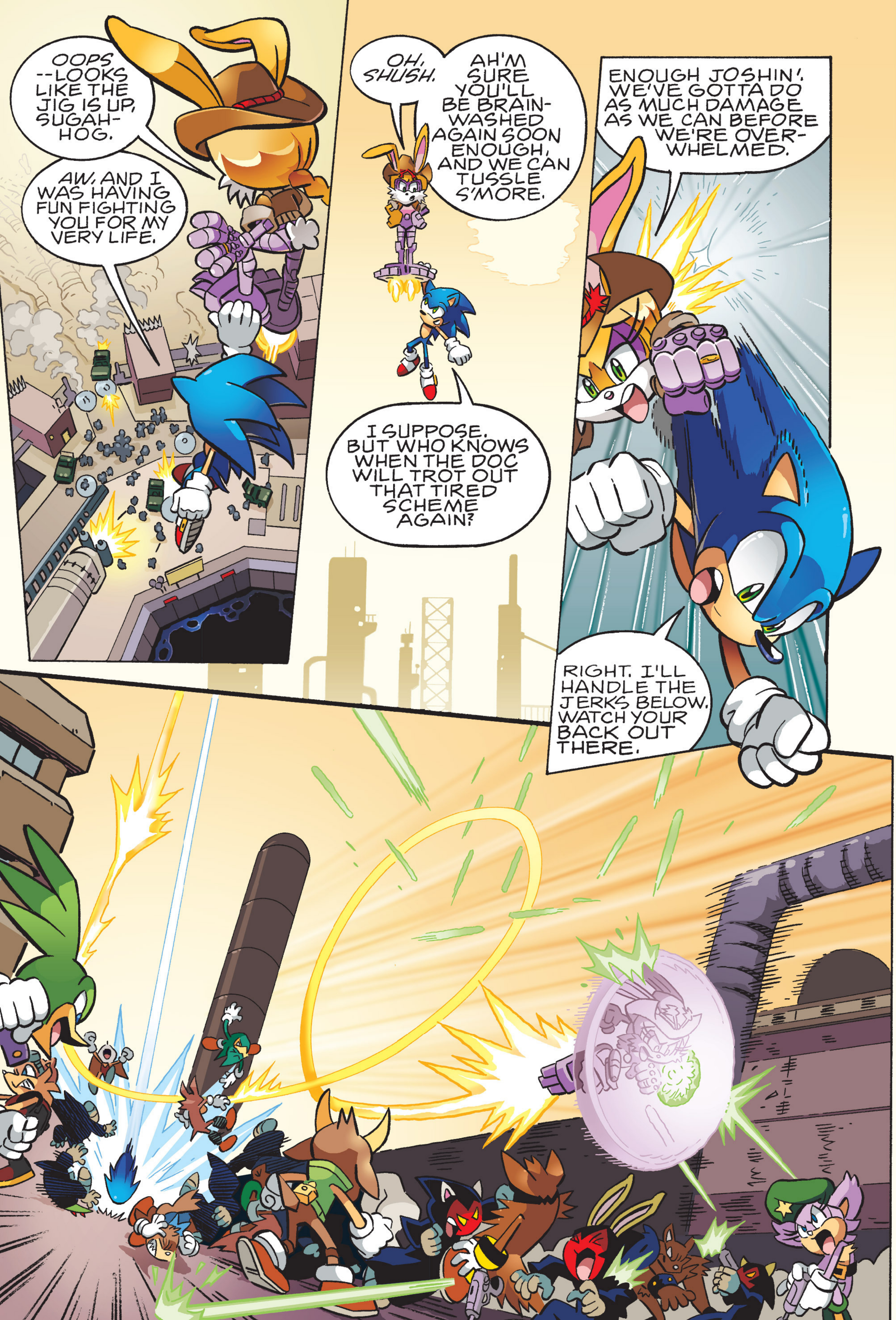

THEY USED TO BE ROBIANS*, BUT THEY WENT *RIGHT BACK* TO EGGMAN...
...ONCE THEY WERE BACK TO NORMAL!
THAT'S NOT COOL!
*ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS.
THE SAND BLASTERS *ABUSED* THEM! THE BARON HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO EGGMAN FOR PROTECTION!
...BUT C'MON, THE D.E.L. ARE "BAD GUYS"--
--WE'RE JUST DOING THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM!
THE BARON'S MAH UNCLE, SONIC. AH CAIN'T TURN MAH BACK ON HIM NOW THAT AH FOUND HIM AGAIN.
HUH.
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT FOR JACK AND HIS CREW...

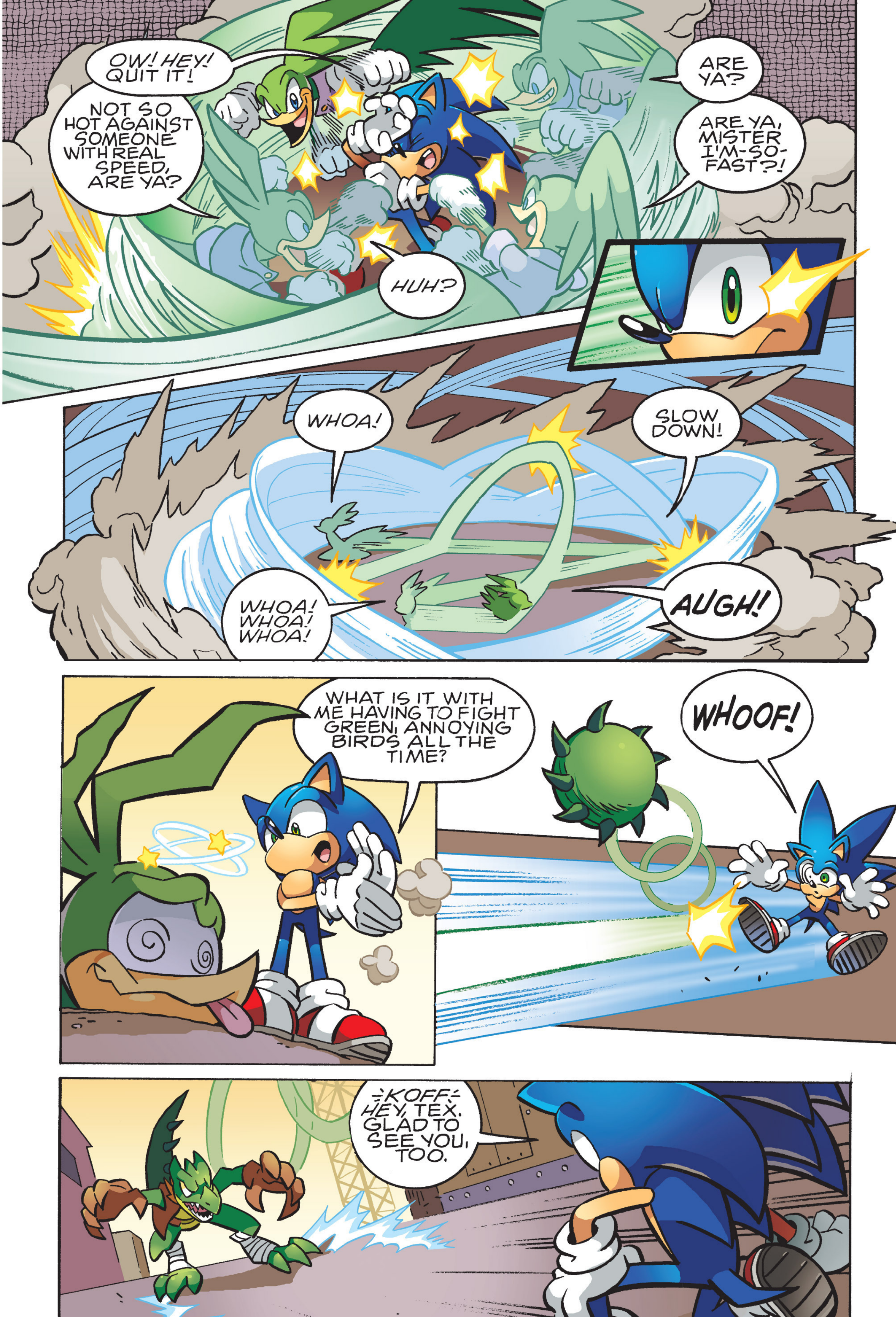

ERT!
AND YET YER RIGHT. WE CAIN'T LET THEM MAINTAIN THIS PLACE FOR THE DOC...
AND YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT.
I WON'T LET THE SAND BLASTERS TAKE THIS PLACE AND LEAVE YOUR UNCLE OR HIS GROUP TO TAKE THE HEAT.
IT'D BE DIFFERENT IF IT WAS JUST US DOING THE SAME-OLD HERO STUFF...
YEAH. THEN THERE'D ONLY BE US TO BLAME...

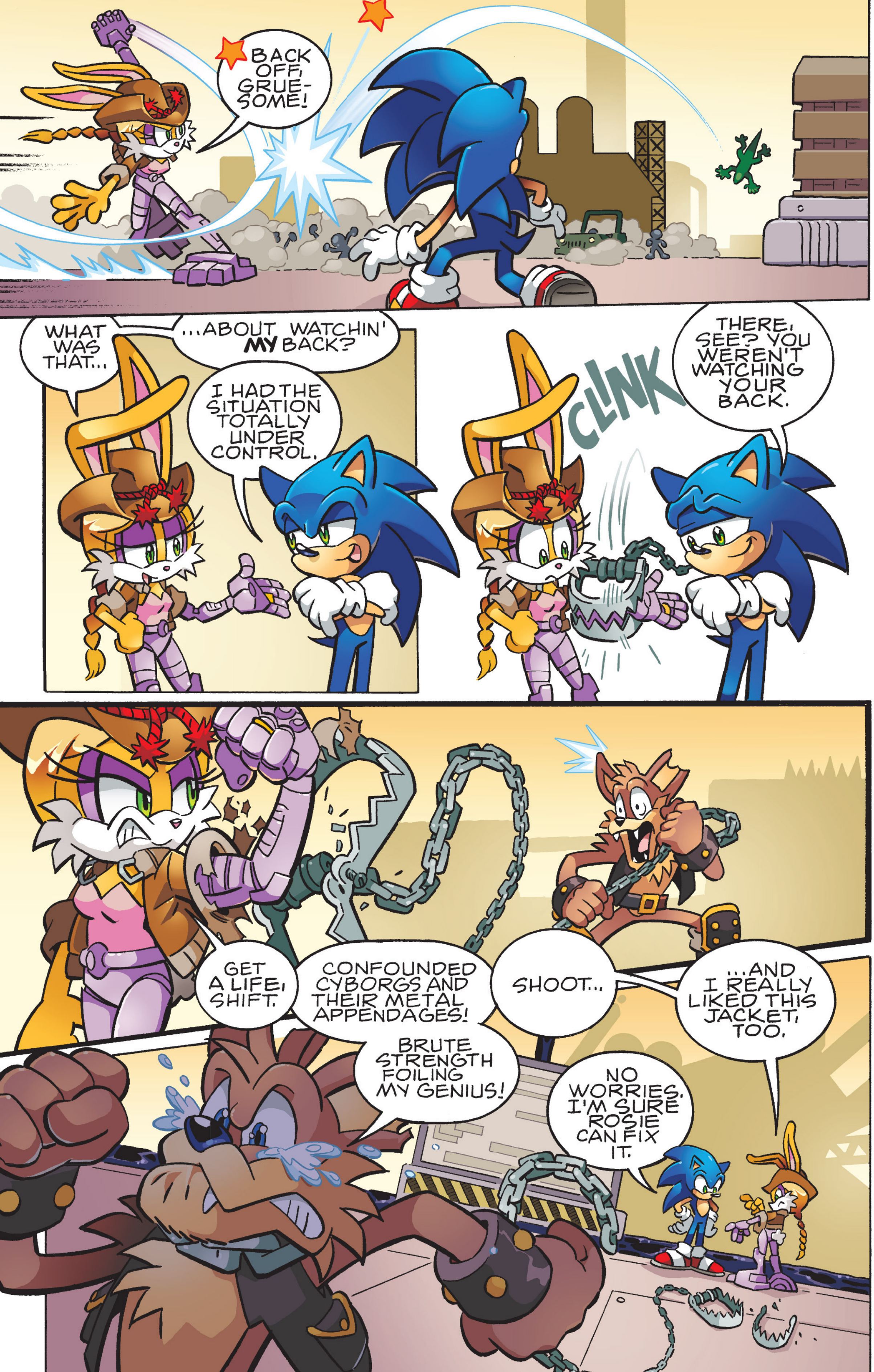

OH, DEAR! I HAVE BEEN THROWN WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE!
I'LL GET YOU BACK FOR THAT!
YER SUCH A HAM, SUGAH-HOG.
WHAM

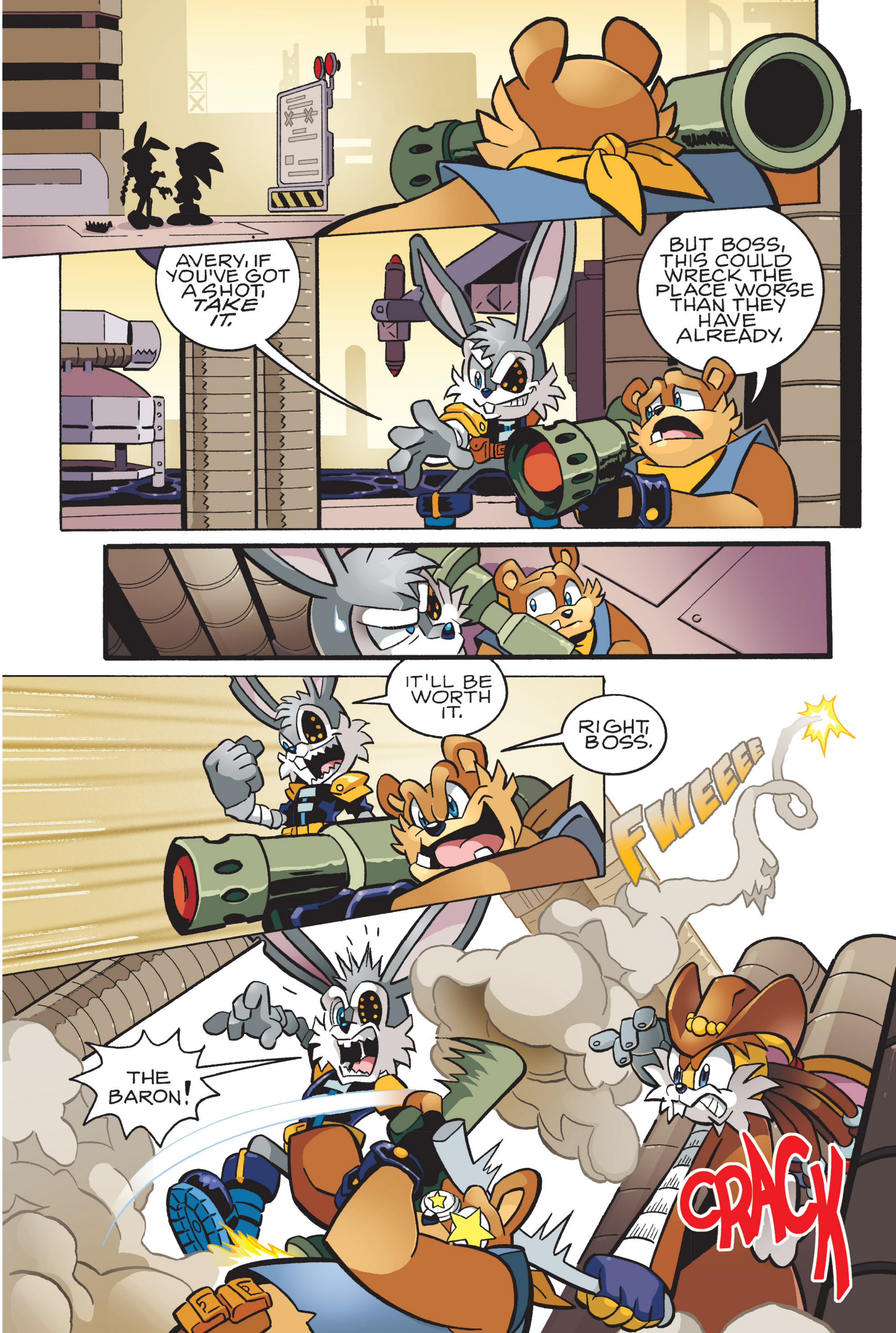

HA HA HA! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
AW, C'MON, BOSS!
I WANNA WATCH!
SOMEBODY ?!
OH, FIE UPON YOU. I SHALL RELINQUISH MINE IF IT WILL SILENCE YOUR ACCURSED PRATTLING.
THANKS, SHIFT...! YOU DA MAN!
OH, MAN! OH, MAN! THEY'RE TEARING UP THE PLACE! WOO!
YEAH... THEY ARE...
THOSE LOW-DOWN, SCUM-SUCKING DOUBLE-DEALING...
START THE JEEPS! WEAPONS READY! MOVE IN AND TAKE THEM OUT--NOW!

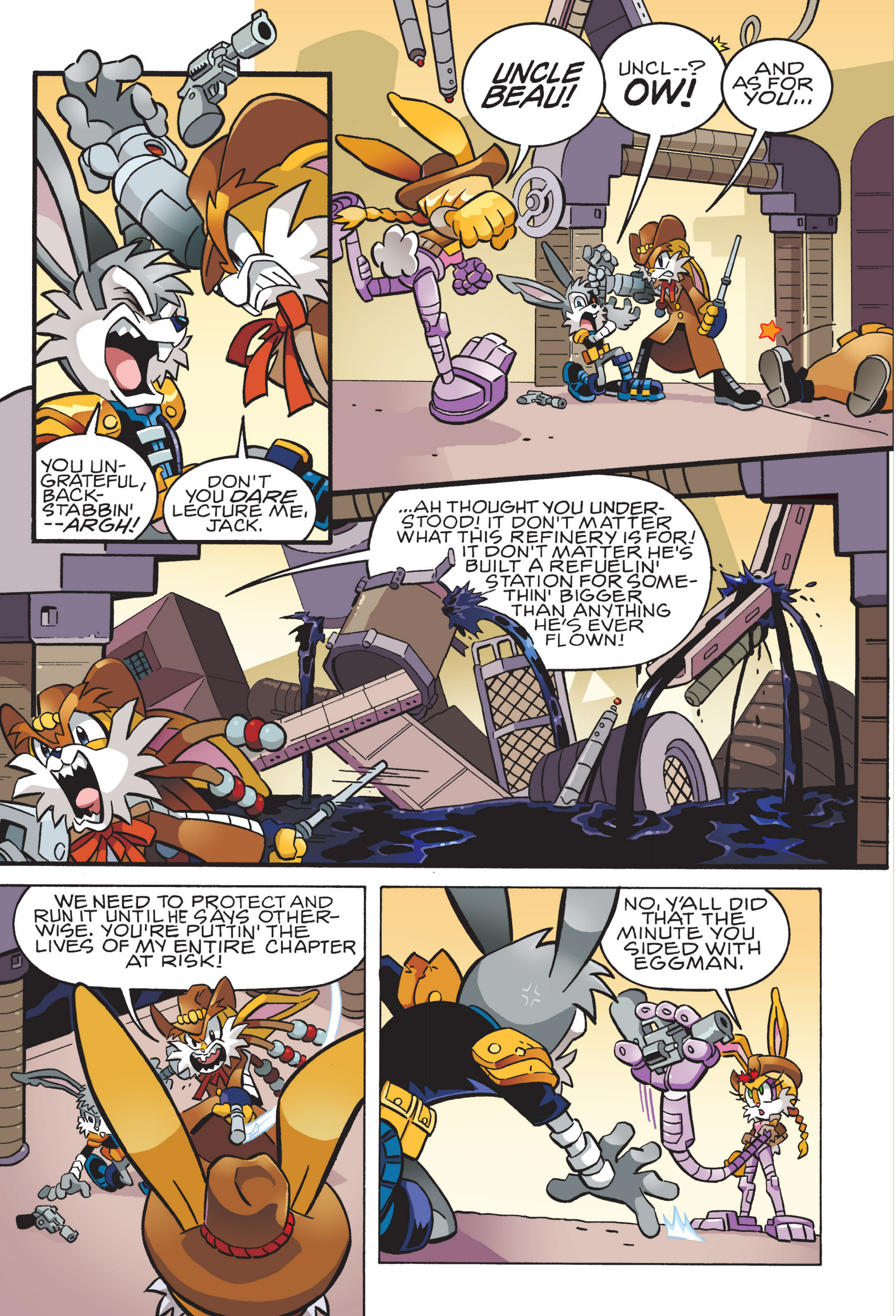

STRANGE. NOW THEY CHOOSE TO MOVE.
MMM. POWER UP THE SAUCER, MATILDA. WE'RE MOVIN' IN.
YES, BARON. HOPEFULLY WE WILL END THE FIGHT BEFORE THE REFINERY SUFFERS ANY MORE COLLATERAL DAMAGE.
HOPEFULLY-- WAIT.
WELL... WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, BEAUREGARD? SHE SAID SHE WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
AND SHE MARRIED A D'COOLETTE.

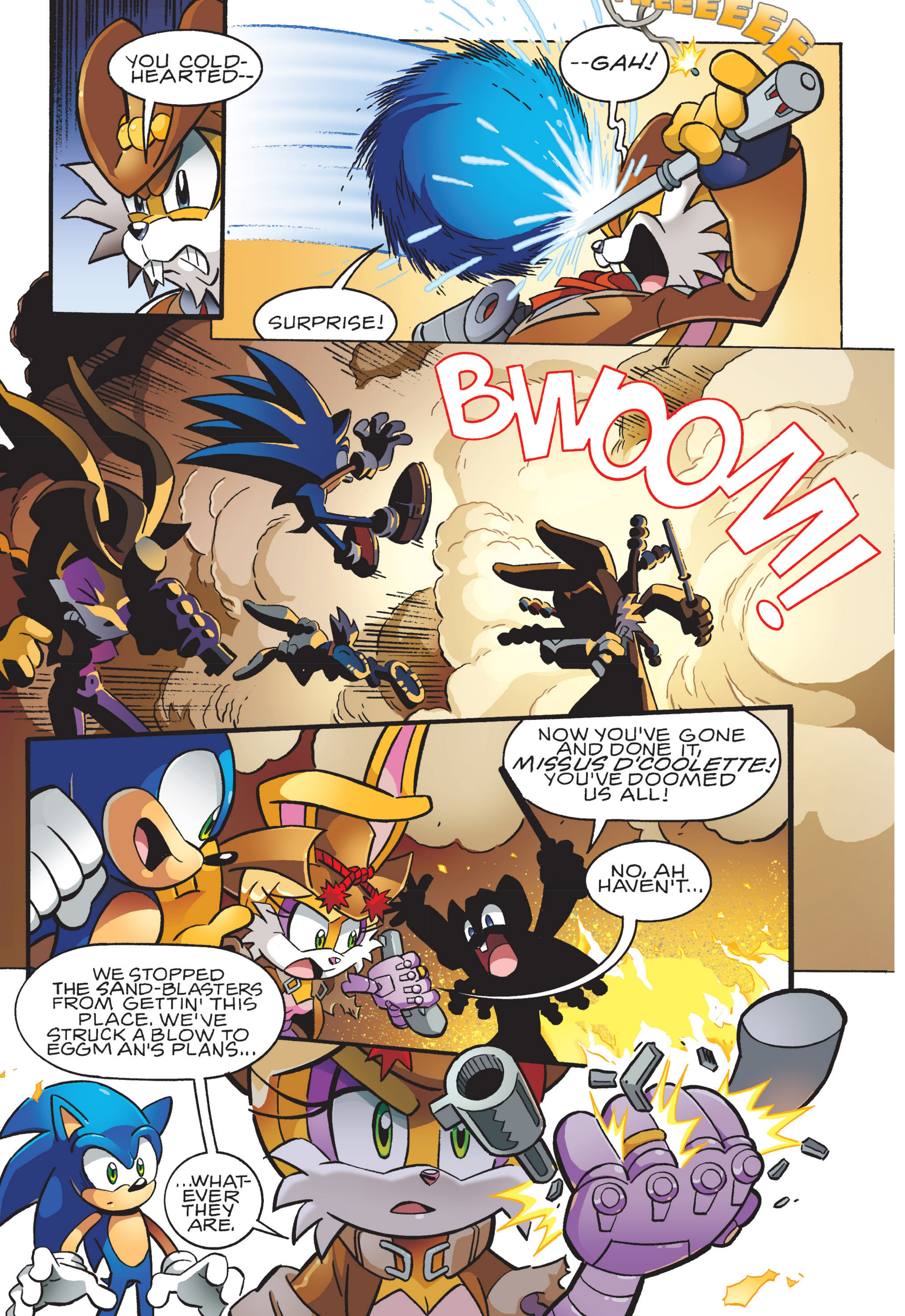

OOPS--LOOKS LIKE THE JIG IS UP, SUGAH-HOG.
AW, AND I WAS HAVING FUN FIGHTING YOU FOR MY VERY LIFE.
OH, SHUSH.
AH'M SURE YOU'LL BE BRAINWASHED AGAIN SOON ENOUGH, AND WE CAN TUSSLE S'MORE.
I SUPPOSE. BUT WHO KNOWS WHEN THE DOC WILL TROT OUT THAT TIRED SCHEME AGAIN?
ENOUGH JOSHIN'. WE'VE GOTTA DO AS MUCH DAMAGE AS WE CAN BEFORE WE'RE OVERWHELMED.
RIGHT. I'LL HANDLE THE JERKS BELOW. WATCH YOUR BACK OUT THERE.

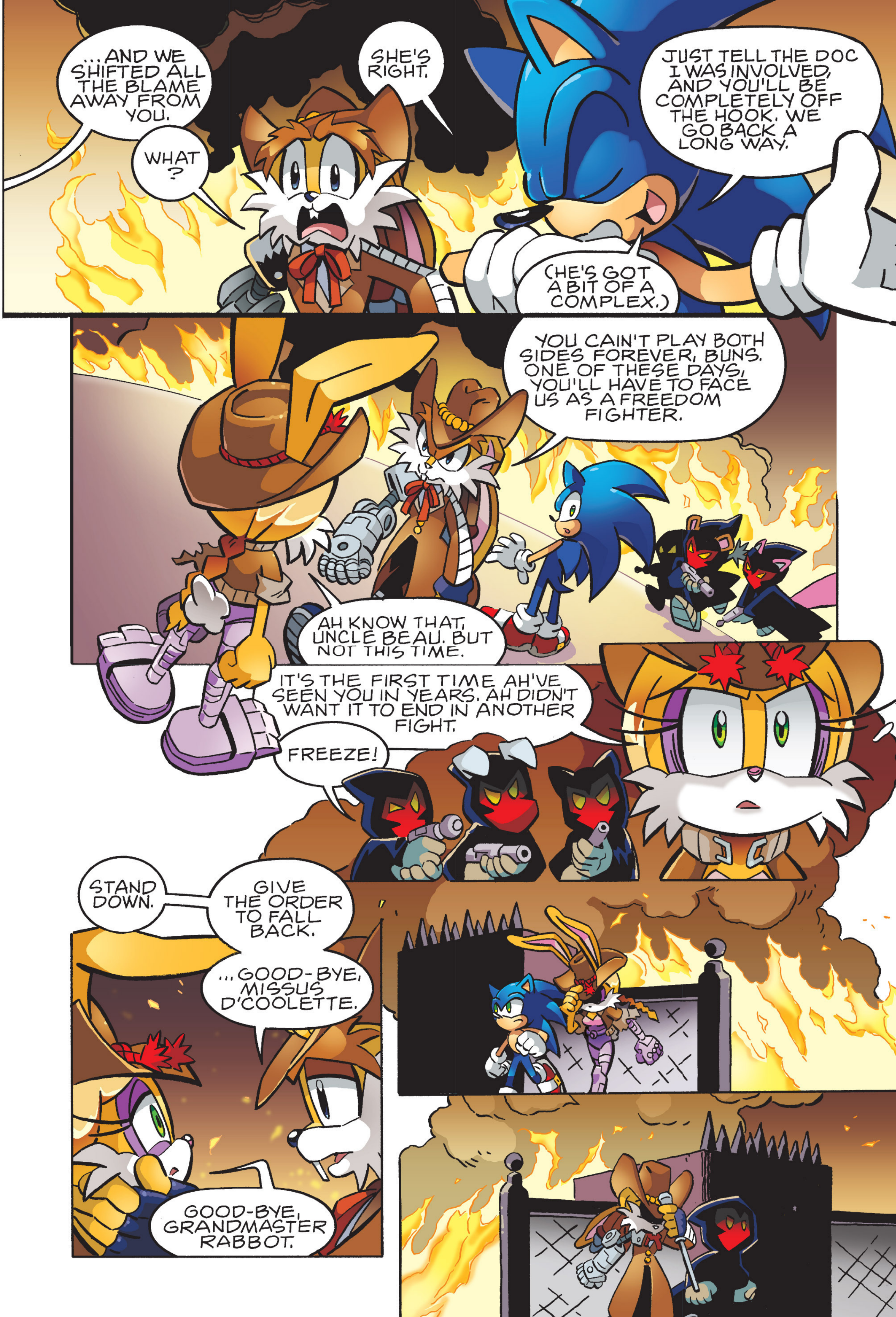

OW! HEY! QUIT IT!
NOT SO HOT AGAINST SOMEONE WITH REAL SPEED, ARE YA?
ARE YA?
ARE YA, MISTER I'M-SO-FAST?!
HUH?
WHOA!
SLOW DOWN!
WHOA! WHOA! WHOA!
AUGH!
WHAT IS IT WITH ME HAVING TO FIGHT GREEN, ANNOYING BIRDS ALL THE TIME?
WHOOF!
-KOFF- HEY, TEX. GLAD TO SEE YOU, TOO.

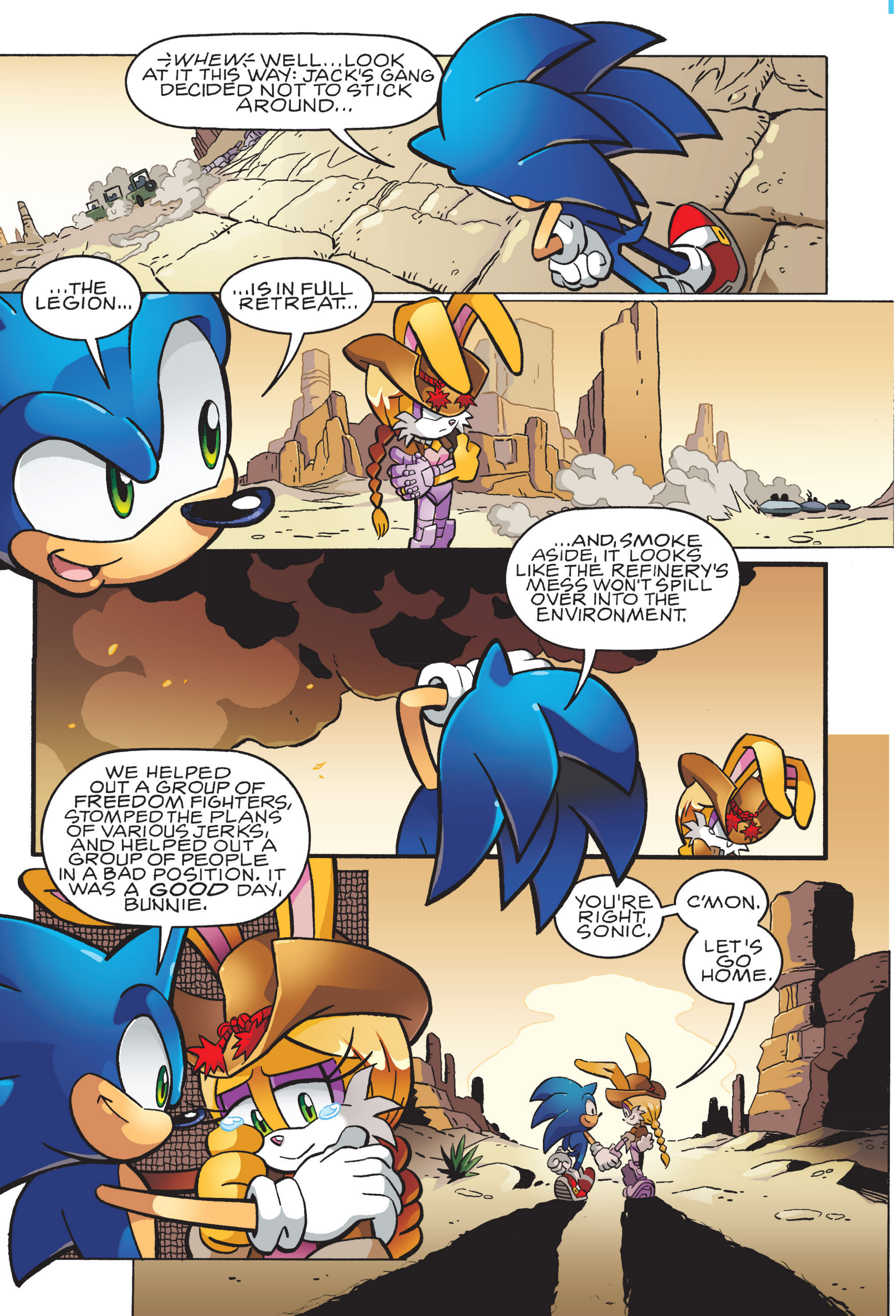

BACK OFF, GRUESOME!
WHAT WAS THAT...
...ABOUT WATCHIN' **MY** BACK?
I HAD THE SITUATION TOTALLY UNDER CONTROL.
CLINK
THERE, SEE? YOU WEREN'T WATCHING YOUR BACK.
GET A LIFE, SHIFT.
CONFOUNDED CYBORGS AND THEIR METAL APPENDAGES!
SHOOT...
...AND I REALLY LIKED THIS JACKET, TOO.
BRUTE STRENGTH FOILING MY GENIUS!
NO WORRIES. I'M SURE ROSIE CAN FIX IT.

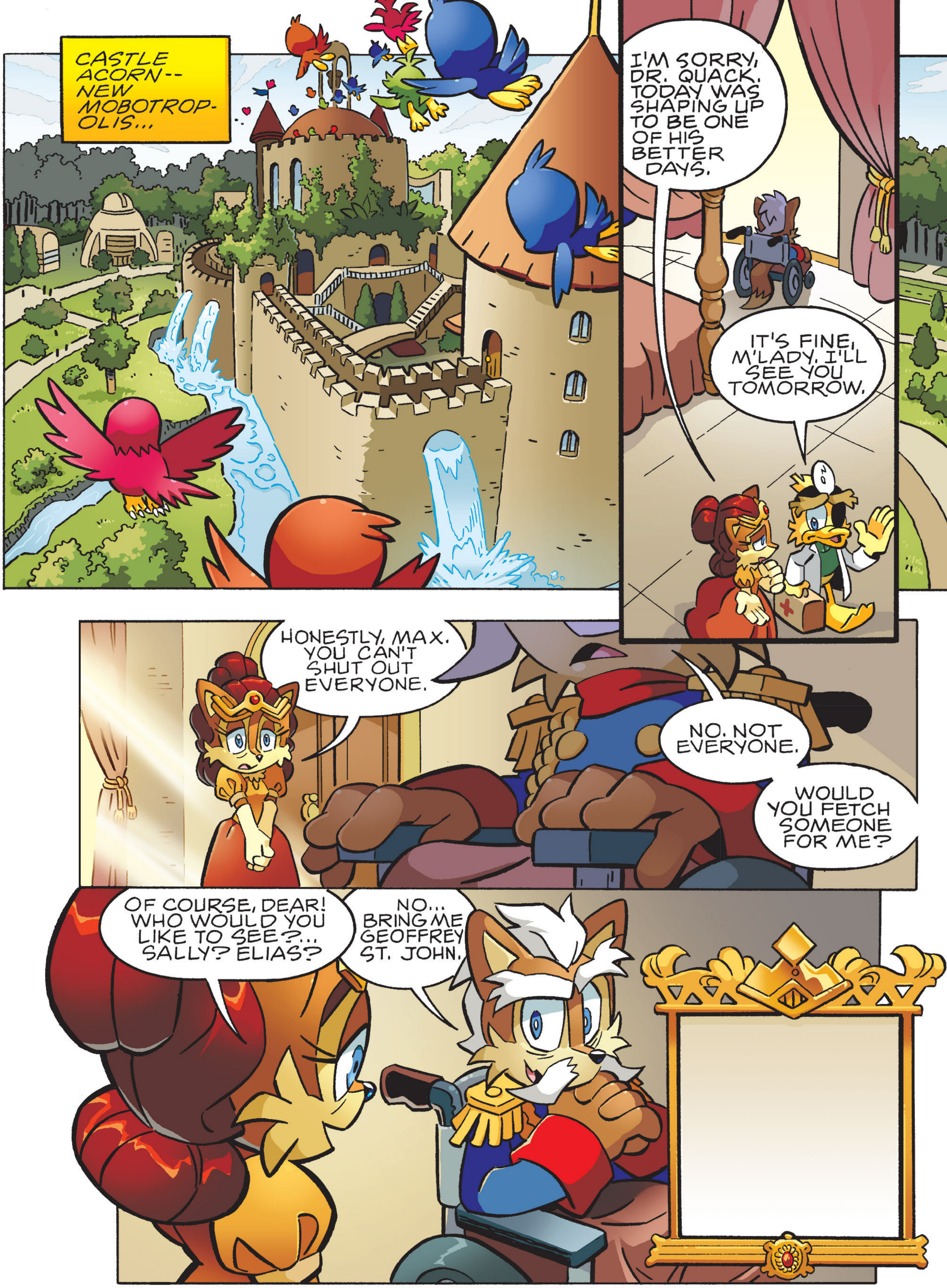

AVERY, IF YOU'VE GOT A SHOT, TAKE IT.
BUT BOSS, THIS COULD WRECK THE PLACE WORSE THAN THEY HAVE ALREADY.
IT'LL BE WORTH IT.
RIGHT, BOSS.
FWEEEE
THE BARON!
CRACK


YOU UN-GRATEFUL, BACK-STABBIN' --*ARGH!*
DON'T YOU *DARE* LECTURE ME, JACK.
UNCLE BEAU!
UNCL--? *OW!*
AND AS FOR YOU...
...AH THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD! IT DON'T MATTER WHAT THIS REFINERY IS FOR! IT DON'T MATTER HE'S BUILT A REFUELIN' STATION FOR SOMETHIN' BIGGER THAN ANYTHING HE'S EVER FLOWN!
WE NEED TO PROTECT AND RUN IT UNTIL HE SAYS OTHERWISE. YOU'RE PUTTIN' THE LIVES OF MY ENTIRE CHAPTER AT RISK!
NO, Y'ALL DID THAT THE MINUTE YOU SIDED WITH EGGMAN.


YOU COLD-HEARTED--
--GAH!
EEEEEE
SURPRISE!
BWOOM!!
NOW YOU'VE GONE AND DONE IT, *MISSUS D'COOLETTE!* YOU'VE DOOMED US ALL!
NO, AH HAVEN'T...
WE STOPPED THE SAND-BLASTERS FROM GETTIN' THIS PLACE. WE'VE STRUCK A BLOW TO EGGMAN'S PLANS...
...WHATEVER THEY ARE.


...AND WE SHIFTED ALL THE BLAME AWAY FROM YOU.
WHAT?
SHE'S RIGHT.
JUST TELL THE DOC I WAS INVOLVED, AND YOU'LL BE COMPLETELY OFF THE HOOK. WE GO BACK A LONG WAY.
(HE'S GOT A BIT OF A COMPLEX.)
YOU CAIN'T PLAY BOTH SIDES FOREVER, BUNS. ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE US AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
AH KNOW THAT, UNCLE BEAU. BUT NOT THIS TIME.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME AH'VE SEEN YOU IN YEARS. AH DIDN'T WANT IT TO END IN ANOTHER FIGHT.
FREEZE!
STAND DOWN.
GIVE THE ORDER TO FALL BACK.
...GOOD-BYE, MISSUS D'COOLETTE.
GOOD-BYE, GRANDMASTER RABBOT.


~WHEW~ WELL...LOOK AT IT THIS WAY: JACK'S GANG DECIDED NOT TO STICK AROUND...
...THE LEGION...
...IS IN FULL RETREAT...
...AND, SMOKE ASIDE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE REFINERY'S MESS WON'T SPILL OVER INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.
WE HELPED OUT A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS, STOMPED THE PLANS OF VARIOUS JERKS, AND HELPED OUT A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN A BAD POSITION. IT WAS A GOOD DAY, BUNNIE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC.
C'MON.
LET'S GO HOME.


CASTLE ACORN-- NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
I'M SORRY, DR. QUACK. TODAY WAS SHAPING UP TO BE ONE OF HIS BETTER DAYS.
IT'S FINE, M'LADY. I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
HONESTLY, MAX. YOU CAN'T SHUT OUT EVERYONE.
NO. NOT EVERYONE.
WOULD YOU FETCH SOMEONE FOR ME?
OF COURSE, DEAR! WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?.. SALLY? ELIAS?
NO... BRING ME GEOFFREY ST. JOHN.

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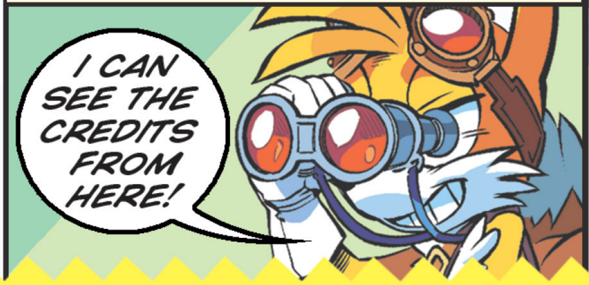
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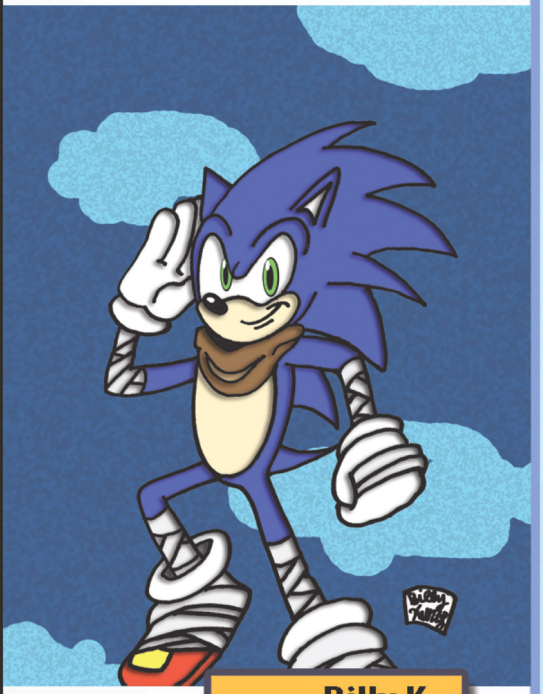

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